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I would not enter on my list of friends,
Though graced with polished manners
and fine sense,
Yet wanting sensibility, the man
Who needlessly sets foot upon a worm.
—Cowper.



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THE NATIONAL BIRD LAW

Many will remember the "Migratory Bird Law" passed by Congress late in 1913, and the rejoicing among bird lovers everywhere at the assurance that hereafter our migratory birds were to be under the protecting arm of the Federal Government. So many States had permitted the wholesale destruction of these God-given friends of man that it was a vast comfort to all right-minded people to know that there was a national law to safeguard them in the future. Judge Pollock, however, in the United States District Court of Topeka, Kansas, has decided that States only have the right to enact laws for the regulation or protection of game. We trust every effort will be made to have the question of the constitutionality of the federal law carried to the Supreme Court. These birds belong to no one State. It was a great popular movement that secured the measure. The only people who have attacked this law are the hunters, well called "game hogs." F.H.R.

GONE TO THE WAR

The Albany *Argus* calls attention to the fact that while the value of horses exported from the port of New York in January, 1914, was \$12,400, in January, 1915, it had risen to \$2,514,435. Several newspaper reports have stated that the horses shipped abroad for this murderous war were of a very inferior character. Several ship-loads from the Boston port we have looked over ourselves, and, though occasionally a carload would average very common horses, the majority of those we have seen were by no means cheap horses. Even if they were we imagine their capacity for pain would be quite as great as if they cost \$300 instead of \$200.

Here is a situation where sentiment is not allowed to count. No matter how intensely we may feel about sending these unfortunate horses to be wounded, mutilated, killed, we face the hard fact that horses, with governments, stand on the same level with guns, shells, powder and other materials needed in war. The buyer buys them at his own risk as contraband goods, and for a government to say, "You can have everything we have to sell except horses," seems to appear to the world at large, quite as indifferent to the welfare of horses as to the sufferings of automobiles, to be unworthy any level-headed practical man or nation. Yet the protest against this traffic has been, and justly, earnest and continued from the humane societies of the country. F.H.R.

A SIGNIFICANT COINCIDENCE

When Lord Erskine introduced his bill into the British Parliament to secure legal protection for animals, the narrative says, "He was laughed down amid the jeers, hisses and cat-calls of his fellow-members." A bill was introduced into the Massachusetts Legislature this past winter that purposed to license cats. Many favored the bill in the interests of the cats themselves rather than of the birds, believing that far less suffering in the end would result from some such a measure. From a local paper we clip the following:

"Amid cat-calls and meows, the House voted down the cat-license bill. This is one of the hardy perennials which the Legislature never seems able to take seriously."

We quote this, a repetition of history, simply to illustrate the fact that we are still far from that day when the sufferings of animals, or whatever concerns their best interests, is treated by so supposedly reputable a body of men as a State Legislature as something better than a joke. F.H.R.

THE GOD-MADE HORSE

From speech delivered in the House of Representatives, March 4, 1915, by Hon. Isaac R. Sherwood, of Ohio:

"The history of all civilizations, Christian, pagan and Mohammedan, proves that God made the horse for man's utility, comfort and pleasure. Those who think that any man-made machine, however artistic, can ever take his place know little and think less. Of course we shall have machine motors, as we have wax flowers and paste diamonds and crockery dolls. But wax flowers will never shed fragrance on the bosom of a divine woman, like the God-grown blossoms; and crockery dolls will never take the place of real babies; neither will the counterfeit blaze of paste diamonds ever mock successfully the rainbow tints of the real gems. And the live horse, the horse immortalized in song and story and sculpture and romance and war, will ever be animate and imperishable; man's best and most wholesome friend among the animals."

CARRIER PIGEONS IN THE WAR

Under the title "Pigeons as Prisoners of War," we have seen a picture of an immense room in the market at Brussels, filled with pigeons,—so many crates that there must have been tens of thousands of the birds. These were Belgian carrier pigeons interned by the Germans.

OUR GREATEST WORK

No one who is familiar with the "Autobiographical Sketches" of George T. Angell, the founder of our Societies, or with *Our Dumb Animals* during the years it was edited by him, can have missed the insistent emphasis he put upon humane education. The teaching of those principles of kindness and justice that should govern us in all the relations we sustain to sentient life, both human and dumb, was to him as sacred a duty as could rest upon the soul of a good man. He could understand no religion that did not include all life in its ministry of help and compassion. Indeed, this was his religion—the fulfilling of the divine command to do unto others, all others, men and birds and beasts, as he would have them do to him.

The work of punishing for cruelty was looked upon by him, as it must be looked upon by all thoughtful men and women, as necessary, doubtless, in many cases, but as a wholly insufficient method of preventing cruelty, or striking at the source from which it springs. The fountain that sends forth bitter water will never be changed till the cause of the bitterness is found and taken away. The cruel child, the cruel man, restrained by the fear of punishment, is no more kind than before he felt the hand of the law upon him. Only when the springs of life itself, those that well up from the inmost nature, are healed by the transforming presence of a new consciousness of what life should be, will there issue the streams that make glad the world into which they flow. Enough of the spirit of that which is "red in tooth and claw" lingers in the most of us to make us cruel, or at least indifferent to suffering; but enough too of a diviner spirit comes with us into being, so that when this is appealed to it hears the high call and answers. Here is where humane education enters upon its holy task. It is the appeal to the nobler self. It seeks particularly the soul of childhood and youth before the character has become fixed by habits of thought and action. Its aim is to quicken the finer instincts of heart and mind and lead them forth as life's regnant forces.

A single word has changed the whole attitude of many a child toward the creatures below him. "Boys," said a man once to some lads who with a string tied to a frog's leg were jerking him about in a pool of water, "put yourself in the frog's place, or suppose the frogs were big enough to treat you that way, would you like it?"

That was all that was said, but the string was untied and the frog set free. The boys said, "We never thought of the animals that way." This awakening of the power of imagination till it compels its possessor to put himself in another's place, is one of the chief factors in man's advancing life. No education that has overlooked this, or ignored it, or failed to use it, is worthy of the name.

Give us humane education in our schools, here and over the world, and wars and strife, and cruelty in its hundred forms, are doomed. The greatest thing, therefore, Mr. Angell ever did, the thing for which he deserves the undying gratitude of man, was the founding of the American Humane Education Society, which has already through its more than ninety-five thousand Bands of Mercy touched the lives of nearly four million children, and through its humane literature influenced scores of millions more the world over.

F.H.R.

RUSKIN ON WOMEN AND WAR

Mr. Ruskin, at the close of a lecture on war, made the following remarks to the ladies present: *"Only by your command, or by your permission, can any war take place among us. And the real final reason for all the poverty, misery, and rage of battle through Europe is simply that you women, however good and religious, however self-sacrificing for those whom you love, are too selfish and too thoughtless to take pains for any creature out of your immediate circles. Let every Christian woman who has conscience toward God vow that she will mourn for His killed creatures. Let every lady in the happy classes of civilized Europe simply vow that, while any cruel war proceeds, she will wear black—a mule's black—with no jewel, no ornament, and I tell you again no war would last a week."*

"MET WITH SUCCESS"

By TIMOTHY C. MURPHY

"Our forces have met with success," they said,
They posted the news at the barrack door,
"Ten thousand or more of the enemy dead,
The rest of their scattered host have fled,
And the glorious fight is o'er."

They have met with success, the road they sought
Is theirs, where it winds by the vineyard fair,

Strewn with the bodies of those who fought,
Brave lads who knew never a hateful thought

Till their orders placed them there.

They have met with success, the foemen stood
All day by their guns at that winding road,

And hallowed its dust with pure young blood,
As they vainly strove to stem the flood,
And as Death among them strode.

They have met with success; the nurses go,
Earnest and still through the field of pain,

Where the dying gasp and throb of woe
Is shared alike by the friend and foe,
As they lie on the battle plain.

They have met with success; that far off cry
Is only the 'plaint of a starving child
And the sobs you hear on the winds that sigh,

In sad refrain through the poplars high,
From the heart of a Mother mild.

They have met with success; the gray haired dame
Still waits in the cottage door for her son,

He was one of the "units," unknown to fame;
They copied his number nor cared for his name—

"Met with success," and the fight is done.

U. S. Horses and Mules for the War

By JACK COLMA WYNN



ENGLAND and France have been shipping many thousands of horses and mules out of the United States to be used in warfare.

New Orleans, Louisiana, is one of the great ports selected by the agents of the Allies to export horses and mules. They have shipped nearly 12,000 horses and 19,501 mules from October, 1914, to February 26, 1915.

The agents of the Allies do not buy any horses and mules in New Orleans. The animals come from distant States. The shippers use New Orleans to export the horses and mules because there are two private docks from which to load. That means that the public can never see a ship-load of horses. The writer tried in vain to do this. The public is not allowed even around the pens.

We are informed by the United States Government Bureau of Animal Industry that although 75,000 horses were exported from the United States to the Allies from September to the first of January there is no immediate danger of a shortage of horses in this country. Three times the amount of horses exported in the last

tures them from the Allies, they will doubtlessly be butchered for eating purposes.

And sentiment alone keeps 90,000,000 people from eating a single chop of chevaline! (horse meat). But still at the sight of gold and silver we will ship countless thousands of horses, our noble and intelligent beasts, to be slaughtered in so horrible a manner!

Soldiers from the battle-field say that a shell bursting in the ranks may kill thirty men instantly, but often the many horses or mules nearby are only mortally wounded and may linger for hours, suffering as man can never suffer. It is not always possible for a cavalry man to end his mount's suffering after the animal has been struck. He is either ordered to retire or get a remount. Soldiers must obey orders instantly and cannot stop to do a humane act. And so the horses and mules linger for hours and days, suffering the most intense agony. One very bad thing about this war is that no side ever grants an armistice. The wounded human beings and their dumb companions suffer as a result.

The writer is neutral in regard to the present great war. All the nations at war have good and bad points in their favor—mostly bad. The writer does not oppose the shipping of war material to any nation that can pay cash, pro-



MULES AWAITING SHIPMENT AT NEW ORLEANS

four months of 1914, or 225,000, would only be about one per cent. of our horse stock, say the learned government officials.

A leading newspaper tells its readers that most of the horses exported to be made food for the cannons, "are very mediocre animals which would ordinarily sell for less than \$100 per head and are of a class which we can well afford to spare. But a few are mares and doubtlessly either old or non-breeders."

That statement is sadly misleading. A visit (unwelcome!) to the pens where the luckless animals await the ships will convince most anybody how wrong the newspaper is. A cavalry horse must be lively, and an old horse would never do.

Almost every horse is to be used as a remount, the mules to drag the cannons and supply wagons. We are informed that in Paris over 60,000 horses are killed every year for food. Germany slaughters about 150,000 a year to feed her people. Therefore if France has any of our horses left after the war, or if Germany cap-

viding that the said war material does not consist of American horses and mules.

Something should be done for man's best and most useful friends. Surely they have some rights, and those rights are to live and die peacefully. Horses and mules seldom die peacefully on the battle-field. And some estimates say that more than 2,000,000 horses and mules have been killed in the past six months of fighting.

"BE KIND TO ANIMALS" SUPPLIES

Humane societies, Bands of Mercy and friends everywhere are urged to order NOW "Be Kind to Animals" buttons, mottoes, pennants, metal signs for vehicles, etc., to be used in connection with "Be Kind to Animals Week," May 17 to 22. See our list of prices (at cost) on the inside back cover of this issue.

Be sure to read on page 200 about Humane Sunday and "Be Kind to Animals Week."

A VIVISECTOR'S HUMANE PROPOSAL

The article from *Le Matin*, the translation of which follows, is from the pen of a physician. The author believes in the necessity of vivisection. He sees in the cinematograph a means to reduce immensely the sacrifice of animal life and at the same time to widen the teaching power of any single operation or demonstration. Which of our American medical schools will be the first to put this suggestion into practice? It would be a marvelous chance to substantiate the assertion that every effort is made in class-room and laboratory to cause no unnecessary pain.

In *Le Matin*, June 23, 1914, Doctor J. Commandon, of Paris, writing on Vivisection, says: But one can diminish the number of animals sacrificed.

In all the colleges, in the medical schools, and even in certain classes of the lyceum, hundreds of animals are used annually for the same experiments, under the same conditions, and the reason is because it is well understood that neither sketches nor wall charts, nor photographs showing the different moments and the results of the operation can take the place of the experiment, can show the movements of the hands and the instruments of the physiologist or the reactions of the organism, the beating of the heart, the acceleration of the respiration, etc.

There is an instrument, however, which reproduces all these details with precision; it is the cinematograph.

When an experiment is well done and inscribed on the film, and then shown to a large audience each one present can follow it precisely and in all its details.

Even by varying the rapidity of the exposure, the cinematograph can quicken or retard the movements which, as is easily understood, offers sometimes great advantages for demonstration.

Of course, in order to obtain each film, one or even more animals must be sacrificed, but afterwards hundreds of others are spared, for not only the demonstration representing a scientific experiment can be presented to many students at a time, but a document is obtained of which millions of copies can be produced for the different universities of the world and for future generations of students without number.

The demonstration by the cinematograph has certain marked advantages over the animal demonstration.

The first advantage is that it reaches simultaneously a greater number of spectators.

The second advantage is well known to all experimentalists—one works well only in the silence and in partial solitude. A delicate experiment carried on before a public assembly is rarely followed with entire success.

The film, on the contrary, is better. The scientist is not worried by it, for he realizes during its making that he produces an experiment worthy of being extensively useful. These ideas can be easily realized—indeed many physiologists, and by no means obscure ones, have had the same thought and have commenced to put them in practice.

In France, at the "Faculties of Medicine" in Paris, in Lyons, in Bordeaux, at the Pasteur Institutes in Paris and in Lille, even in certain lycées, is installed cinematograph apparatus. Thus the method of instruction by the cinematograph is being seriously organized, perhaps more abroad than in France, where, the physiologist Marey, who had both a great mind and a great heart, created the wonderful instrument, the cinematograph, so especially adapted for physiological studies.

Let us widely introduce this instrument, for scientific instruction, in the lycées for the benefit of the students who will more easily follow the professor's explanations—make it known equally to protect animals against useless sacrifice;—these our "lesser brethren" to whom we owe affection.

415 PARCELS IN ONE DAY

As an illustration of the amount of literature circulated by the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals and the American Humane Education Society, we noted that 415 packages, destined for as many different addresses, were mailed by our offices in a single day during April.

The Cruelty of the Trap

By FRANCIS J. DICKIE

MAN, from the skin-dressing, club-hunting, stone-age cave dweller to the finished product of the twentieth century, has been always a hunter of the wild animals. In earlier ages he depended upon them for food and clothing; today the fur-bearing species still play a large part in the dress of all nations, while others are the objects of pleasure hunts or pursued for trophies.

Always this has been the cause of more or less unavoidable suffering to the animals. In this the fur trade is a leading factor.

The North American continent annually, at least until the European war broke out, produced twenty-four million dollars' worth of fur, taken from the bodies of thousands upon thousands of animals of all kinds and sizes, ranging from the diminutive weasel to the mighty polar bear. And the taking of each one of these pelts necessitated a certain amount of suffering upon the part of the animal before it gave up its life. Much of this was of course unavoidable, and the trapper, following his lines day after day for years, comes to give the matter not a thought. Some of his traps, such as "deadfalls," so constructed that a big log falls upon the animal instantly it enters, are merciful, as the falling log kills in a few seconds, if not instantly. "Twitch-ups," a noose of cord or copper wire fastened to a bent-down sapling, and so constructed that when the animal enters the noose it releases the tree, snatching the captive into the air and either breaking its neck or choking it to death in a few seconds, is another method that is kind, in that it kills almost instantly.

But the most widely used is the steel spring trap with lightning closing jaws which generally snap upon the leg of the animal. These, of all the inventions of man, are the most cruel, producing the most agonizing torture. So great is this that many authentic incidents are on record where the captive chewed the imprisoned limb completely from its body and thus made its escape.

Particularly is excessive pain common to the steel trap because the average trapper, who makes fur-taking a business, will have a line of traps stretching in a great circle sometimes over a territory of twenty miles in extent. Those

traps on his line farthest from his main camp may be visited only once in three days. So, in cases where the animal gets caught shortly after the setting of the trap, it may be thirty-six and even forty-eight hours before the trapper arrives to end the suffering by a tap on the poor brute's nose with a stout stick.

Another cruel method of capture, but one slightly used, is that of sticking a bright piece of steel up in the snow for the purpose of taking weasels. The weasel, always a curious little animal, is attracted by this and tests it with his long red tongue. The steel, exposed to various degrees of frost from zero down, instantly grips the warm flesh and the little beast is captured in this most horrible manner. In so far as the fur trade is concerned these methods will probably be always the same, or until such a time as a steel trap is invented that captures, and at the same time brings death.

Similar to the fur trade, the killing today of animals for pleasure is an outcropping of the old-time chase when man hunted from necessity. In this century, except for the Eskimo, the Indian and a few other tribes of men still living in primitive states, the hunting of animals for food is no longer a necessity. Yet it is still largely followed by men from all walks of life.

And because of them some of the noblest of big game animals and birds upon the American continent are fast disappearing. One of the most notable examples of these is the antelope, that cute little prairie deer, swift of foot and one of the most beautiful of its species.

Ranging as it does upon fairly open country the antelope territory is naturally the first to be invaded by the white settler intent on farming. The great open plains of the west are fast disappearing before the onrush of civilization. And on them, the home of the antelope, are coming fenced fields of growing grain, and well-ordered stock-farms. One of the last great ranges of the antelope is upon the plains of southern Alberta. Here a few scattered bands still run, but they are fast disappearing. An interesting incident showing how man's coming affects the animals was told the writer by a railroad surveyor. A certain band of these creatures—not usually of a migratory nature other than traveling over a



CANADIAN LYNX CAUGHT IN STEEL TRAP
Suffering and despair are written upon its face



BUFFALOES OWNED BY CANADIAN GOVERNMENT IN WAINRIGHT PARK, ALBERTA

field of some fifty miles square—had, however, gotten into the habit of moving to a certain tract in the spring where the grass was good, moving backward as the season advanced, a hundred or so miles farther on. During this time a quickly built railroad, which on prairie sometimes is built at the rate of a mile a day, was pushed through the territory and fenced off and the poor animals, on their way back were brought up short by the endless line of wired fence. The engineer who was on right-of-way described as pitiful the bewildered action of the animals and their fruitless attempts to break through. Finally disconsolate they wandered back to the territory they had come from.

Aware of the danger of the antelopes' speedy extinction in the southern Alberta territory, Ernest Thompson Seton, the noted animal writer and naturalist to the province of Manitoba, last year made an extensive survey in the district near the Cypress Hills. It is a beautiful region of rolling prairie land, hills and rocks; dotted with little lakes and offering a perfect sanctuary for many kinds of wild animal life. This he recommended to the Dominion Government, and it has been decided upon as a refuge for the antelope and many other smaller beasts and birds. The area will be fenced and looked after by game guardians.

On a similarly fenced enclosure seventeen hundred buffaloes, the property of the Dominion Government, are today roaming in northwestern Alberta in Wainright Park. The buffaloes are the last relic of millions that once roamed the American continent from the Mississippi to the Rockies. The buying of the buffaloes at the cost of over half a million dollars represents probably the biggest scheme for the preservation of wild life on record. They were formerly the property of Michael Pablo, a half-breed Mexican of the Flathead Valley, Montana, and here roamed in a half wild state. The animals' rounding up, which took nearly two years, and their shipping to a natural park where they have increased largely, is a notable example of what can be done toward the preserving of a race of noble beasts which man's blood lust has made nearly extinct.

However, there are many people who, though gripped with the old natural taste for the chase, are lacking in the atavistic blood lust that demands a kill. This class, moved by æsthetic motives, have of recent years brought into being a new form of chase, one equally thrilling and more hazardous at times than the killing of wild beasts.

This new chase takes the form of hunting the

animals with a camera; of procuring likenesses instead of actual bodies. It offers an endless variety of subjects and is open to both the rich and the poor. Right around the home of the humblest country boy subjects are always at hand, and a picture of a shy wild bird or a wary little rodent, taken after long waiting and perhaps many failures, is bound to bring just as much, if not more pleasure, than the possession of the limp body of bird or beast which soon rots and passes quickly away without bringing any pleasure other than the first fierce one of the kill.

THE PIGEONS OF SAN DIEGO

By FELIX J. KOCH

Talk no more to Jack Roosa of the pigeons of Venice and how you stopped to feed them on the plaza in front of Saint Mark's!

Jack's never been any nearer Venice than San Diego, California, having been born and raised at National City, a few miles beyond. But Jack can tell you that the largest, most attractive flocks of pigeons in the world, now, are those that hover and play over the big exposition down there, as shown on the front cover of this issue.

It all has come about this way:

As soon as the lagunas and lagunitas of the

exposition had been flooded and set out with lilies, another planting season began. This setting-out, however, was devoted to goldfish, Japanese carp and Japanese fantails, which soon became favorite attractions to all visitors to the grounds. In fact, the attendant having trained them to assemble at the tap of an iron triangle—meaning feeding-time—one was always sure of a crowd gathering to watch the fish swimming rapidly to this point for their food.

So popular did these bits of life become with the travelers, that something larger was next attempted. Wild ducks, in quantities, were introduced, and then some peafowl. And they, too, won their way to the hearts of the visitors, who, however, seemed to cry for more. Somebody suggested a flock of pigeons and, about a year and a half ago, the exposition purchased a hundred and fifty of these. The birds immediately chose for their homes the tower and cornices of the Home Economy Building. They have multiplied and received additions until today there's a flock of two thousand in all.

What's more, the birds have grown so tame they will alight on the shoulders of the Spanish boy feeding them; and even to those who have seen the great flocks of Venice they seem, indeed, the most attractive pigeon-flock in the world!

OUR DUMB FRIENDS

By NELLIE M. COYE

There's something in the love of our dumb friends

That grips us with the largeness of its scope.

It questions not our attitude, nor why

We hold them at our mercy;—'Tis enough

That they may travel day by day along

The road we take, in sunshine or in storm;—

Bearing our burdens, mayhap,—sharers, oft,

Of dire distress, but ever stanch and true.

Where is the human that will fare with you

Through peril, hunger, undeserved abuse,

Like your own dog? Who, 'neath the stinging

lash

Will strain his muscles your desires to meet,

In patient servitude, like to the horse?

The cat will travel miles her way to find

Back to the home she's known from kittenhood.

The little wildwood folk will e'en respond

In their mute way to friendly care and aid.

There's scarce a dumb thing that God's hand

has made

We may not tame and foster if we will.

Friends there may be versed in the art of

speech,

Loyal and loving, but the ones that reach

Our hearts' deep springs and cause them to

o'erflow

Are the dumb friends we meet where'er we go.



A STURDY DOG TEAM IN THE NORTH COUNTRY

TO MY CANARY

By CHRISTINE der MAHDESIAN

Little spirit of the wild!
 Thou the forest's blithesome child!
 Symbol of the glad and free!
 Sweet soul in captivity!
 In its gilded castle, bent,
 Many a soul like thine is pent,
 With its sadly folded wings,
 As of heavenly flights it sings.
 God gave thee the templed grove,
 Where blithe woodland spirits rove;
 But alas! this heartless knave,
 Man, prefers thee thus, a slave!
 What though 'twere a palace wall
 Looming o'er thee like a pall
 When the sun and wind and flowers
 Beckon thee to Freedom's bowers!
 When the wood with blossoms teems,
 Filling all thy soul with dreams,
 Trembling in thy little throat
 Yearning love's unanswered note
 Thy brief tragedy doth tell
 As thou weav'st thy magic spell.
 Ah! thou hast not vainly called
 For one soul thou hast enthralled.
 'Tis a captive now, like thee,
 Captive to thy melody.
 When thy cage has lost its lark,
 And my world grows strangely dark;
 When I miss thy chirping sweet,
 And thy vengeance is complete,
 Then at last I shall atone
 That thou hadst no freedom known.

(From Mr. Angell's Autobiographical Sketches)

SENTIMENT, SENTIMENTAL

Some of our friends most deeply interested in animal-protection societies are frequently charged with being *sentimental*. We admit it. What is *sentiment*? "Thought prompted by feeling." And *sentimental*? "Having sensibility or feeling."

Love of God is a sentiment.

Love of man is a sentiment.

A desire to relieve and prevent suffering, — that is a sentiment.

To protect the weak, bind up the broken-hearted, defend the defenceless, raise the down-trodden, give liberty to the enslaved, — these are all sentiments.

Women have died in hospitals, and men on battle-fields, and martyrs at the stake, and as the flames curled around them have sung hymns of praise, all for sentiment.

Some of us remember the spring of 1861, when the telegram came of the firing on Fort Sumter, and then our President's call for help to save Washington. We think the telegram came in the afternoon or evening; and the next morning at nine o'clock a regiment of our Massachusetts citizens stood in front of the State House, ready to start. That was sentiment. Next day they were fired on in Baltimore, and Governor Andrew sent that telegram which drew tears from thousands of eyes:

To the Mayor of Baltimore:

I pray you to cause the bodies of our Massachusetts soldiers dead in Baltimore to be immediately laid out, preserved in ice, and tenderly sent forward by express to me. All expenses will be paid by this Commonwealth.

That was sentiment.

And then there came such a blaze of sentiment that it illuminated the whole State, from Massachusetts Bay to the Berkshire Hills, as regiment after regiment of our brave boys went down into the swamps and wildernesses to die for the preservation of the unity of their country.

Thank God for sentiment!

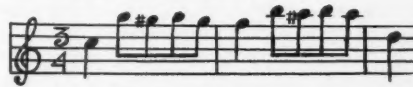
When the nation loses it, we shall cease to be a nation. And, thank God, that sentiment is now being directed into channels which lead to peace and not war, kindness and not cruelty.

Star Singers of the Forest

By MARGARET WENTWORTH LEIGHTON

THE call of the northland came on the spring breeze to the two cousins pluming themselves in a bit of woodland far to the south. They were garbed in neat brown suits with spotted vests. One's costume was enlivened by a dash of reddish on her coat tail. With a few farewell chirps they were up and away, by the air route, for a pine forest a thousand miles distant.

It was a gray, foggy morning when the cousins arrived on the edge of their birth forest. The heart of one little traveler thrilled to the song that rang through the mist:



One pleading chirp brought her gallant lover instantly to her side. With what a burst of joyful song he greeted the little brown bird! How courtly were his bows! How graciously he offered the tenderest worms for refreshment after her long journey! As he led her to the sparkling brook to drink, the second traveler took her way into the depths of the woods.

The sunbeams were scattering the curtain of mist as a brownish-olive bird flew up from beneath a fir tree. The traveler flitted toward him. Then it seemed as if the bells of fairyland were set a-ringing. The tinkling, silvery notes that floated away through the pines were marvelous to hear.



THE LITTLE WOOD THRUSH

That day a double wedding was celebrated in the forest cathedral. The service was a choral one, with solos by the grooms — Hermit Thrush and Wood Thrush — the two finest singers in all the northern woods. The honeymoons lasted but a short time, for each bride was eager to start on her life work. Hither and yon they flitted, anxiously examining every spot that promised a good nesting site.

Tastes differ in the matter of cradle weaving. When a thrush mother has built a nest year after year she does not waste time in examining many different locations. She knows exactly the site best adapted to her needs, and sets to work with the same varieties of materials she has used in previous years. Not so with a young bride who has yet to construct her first cradle.

"No nest in the forest shall surpass the one I am going to build," said Mrs. Wood Thrush, "I shall be surprised if there are any that equal it. This laurel bush, with its clusters of dainty pink blossoms, is an ideal spot. Here are long



THE WOOD THRUSH'S NEST

strips of white cloth, left by the campers who spent last summer on the edge of these woods. Oh, how artistic our cradle will be," she chirped enthusiastically to her mate.

Right this little weaver was when she said her nest would not be surpassed by any in the forest. Built of twigs and leaves, strengthened with clay, deftly moulded by the builder's soft breast, lined with the finest of root fibers, and firmly saddled to the laurel branch, this cradle was surely a work to be proud of. Nothing was ever seen in the forest to equal its decorations. White streamers of all lengths hung from every side. They fluttered in the breeze and flashed in the sun, as if signaling the passer-by. This young bride had yet to learn that instead of calling attention to her cradle it were far wiser to conceal it in some hidden nook.

Mrs. Hermit cared nothing for display. A rod or two above the woodland swamp lay an old, moss-covered log.

"This," she remarked to Mr. Hermit, "is just such a retired spot as I was born in. We will build here and the log will form a perfect screen

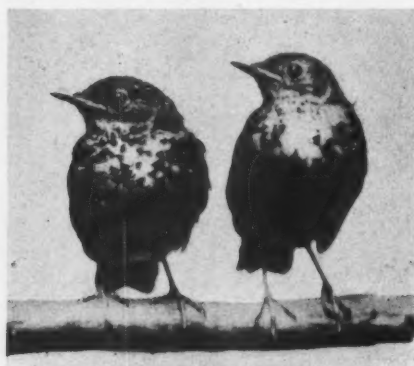


THE HERMIT THRUSH'S NEST

for our cradle." Moss and pine needles were the chief materials used by this couple and a fortnight later both the cousins were brooding their eggs.

Morning and evening matin and vesper hymns rang through the dark forest aisles, and on gray days there was no hour at which you might not have heard Mr. Wood Thrush's golden notes. The thrushes are the star singers of the northern woods. Upon them has been bestowed the divine gift of song. Many birds sing only during the mating season, but the thrushes sing for very love of song. When wood thrush's rich vibrant tones hush you will hear hermit's ethereal song, mounting high and higher till it bursts in a shower of silvery notes. His melody thrills your soul, as wood thrush's appeals to your senses.

Proud indeed were the young thrush mothers as they led forth their first born. Mrs. Hermit



THE HERMIT TWINS

boasted a pair of lusty twins, while mother Wood Thrush could show but a single birdling. "A bit puny, but I'm sure he will soon outgrow yours," said she.

Lessons in flying, hunting, shower-bathing, were followed by instruction in singing. Even though the young wood thrush was spindling he showed his superiority over his hermit cousins. Before it was time to bid good-bye to the northern woods he could sing, in his thin, quavering voice, a complete thrush song, while the hermit twins had mastered but two or three single notes between them.

"Time enough to train them next summer," twittered their father. "Young hermits need more than one season's vocal lessons to become the stars of the forest. Next year they will be able to sing my famous duet with me."

PROTECT THE BIRDS

All about us at this season of the year are thousands of bird babies. Every apple and pear tree, every shade-tree, is a bird nursery; the vine on the porch, the barn eaves, the grass in the meadow, each has its hidden, happy nestful. Their mission is one not only of joy and music but of economic value. Blessings on the bird babies! Don't disturb their little nests when the mother is away hunting their food. The boy who protects the little bird homes is much more of a boy than the one who tries to make a big egg collection.

THEY ARE MINE

By SAIDEE GERARD RUTHRAUFF

They are mine, they are mine! those dear wild things, what right have you to kill them? And their happy songs of praise are mine! What right have you to still them? O, never a beautiful thing was made for blind men to destroy. And never a glad thing was sent to those who would kill its joy!

THE BRIGHTER SIDE OF WAR

A Little French Heroine

By EDW. FOX SAINSBURY

Amidst all the welter of blood, of savagery and crime, one meets, thank Heaven, deeds of self-devotion, intense humanity and the true spirit of the highest form of Christianity—the love of others and the effacement of self.

France has ever been a land of heroic deeds, men and women have given up wealth, position, even life to help their neighbors or their country. Jeanne d'Arc is merely a type of the ideal womanhood of France, as George Washington is a type of the noblest of American manhood. Let no one think that the days of heroes and heroines are gone. The noble deeds of the Red Cross nurses testify to the undying charity and devotion to the following of Christ's teaching ever present when the call for help is heard.

If France has produced and still produces and ever will produce heroes and heroines amongst its manhood and womanhood, the children of France have been numerous in all ages for their courage and heroism. A few months since a little girl of ten was standing in the front row of a terrified crowd watching the destruction of a house by fire in a provincial town of France. As is usual, several families lived under one roof, and the eager face of the girl heroine was seeking to find if all had been saved when she heard a mother with several children cry, "Where is baby? My God, she is in her cot!" She had to be forced back to keep her from entering the burning building. In the confusion a slim little girl rushed into the house, knowing where baby was, caught it up and rushed through the smoke and heat and placed it in its mother's arms.

During the present terrible war another little French girl has given proof of courage and devotion that has brought many a blessing on her fair young head. The tale is told by a private of the British Royal Artillery and we fancy that many an American little girl of Madeleine's age (the heroine's name) will not only read with interest this tale of her brave acts, but will think why, should occasion present itself, should I not also be a heroine?

Madeleine is of course not the every-day girl of nine years of age, for her courage is as conspicuous as her kindness of heart. Just fancy a child of nine carrying hot coffee to the poor half starved and frozen soldiers in the trenches; but the terrible howling of shot and shell through which she has to pass to get to the trenches she heeds not. Many a man would not risk his life as Madeleine has done daily on her mission of mercy.

Since the English press has given publicity to little Madeleine's actions presents of all kinds have been showered on her, but it was the last thought, doubtless, of this sweet little child that she was doing anything extraordinary, nor, we are sure, did she look for any reward, but would have been fully repaid by a kindly smile and a word of thanks.

Folkestone, England.

SYMPATHETIC SHEEP

However stupid we may think that sheep are, they are not devoid of charity for one another. A shepherd was driving home a flock of sheep when he noticed that one of them lagged behind and bleated piteously. Then he saw another of the flock run back and walk with it until they overtook the rest. On examining the animal that had stayed behind, he found that it was blind, and must have called for help, an appeal which met with immediate response.

"JINKS"

By VIRGIL M. HARRIS

DURING the Christmas holidays of 1913, I entered one of the well-known restaurants in the city of St. Louis. It was brilliantly lighted and beautifully decorated. Here, there and everywhere, I found canary birds caged, and their voices added to the joyousness of the occasion.

Upon inquiry, I ascertained that these birds were for sale, and asked the manager to select a good singer for me. In due time, the bird reached my home, and I have never regretted my purchase or his selection.

Just why he was named "Jinks," I do not recall. At first, he was very shy, but after a few days, he would peck my finger, and our close friendship and intimacy has daily increased. He is possessed of rare intelligence, and is an exquisite singer.

He was soon given the freedom of my rooms by day, and acquainted himself with every coign of vantage. On being released from his cage in the morning, he comes directly to my pillow for play, greeting me with every evidence of affection. To the bath room he follows me, and from a little shelf before the mirror, he watches my ablutions and tonsorial efforts.

When I read, he perches upon my book or finds a snug place on my shoulder. When I wish him to sing, I only have to direct his attention to one of two places which have been selected by him as favorite seats for this performance, and he promptly sings, and continues to sing until he is notified that it is time for the concert to end.

He is particularly fond of the ring of the telephone, and responds promptly to each call, either sitting upon the instrument itself or upon my hand or shoulder.

It is sometimes difficult to tell whether he is black or yellow, for in his flights about the room, he comes in contact with dust, that somehow, or other, he finds in his nooks and corners.

It is impossible to express the amount of comfort and pleasure which I have derived from the company of this bird. No amount of money could induce me to part with him. I never realized until now that birds had genuine affection for their human friends, nor the priceless boon of its possession.

So far, I have found but one fault in him, and that is almost a childish failing: he dislikes to go to bed, and prefers to sleep anywhere in preference to his cage; it frequently becomes necessary to catch him and conduct him to that snug harbor for the night.

He delights in my whistling, and will sit on my finger for any length of time, if I but favor him with this form of entertainment.

Jinks was born in the Tyrol, and if instinct causes him to yearn for his native mountains, he has given no outward sign of his desire to return.



GOING TO PASTURE



THREE AMERICAN BEAUTIES

"OLD RING"

By WILLIAM THOMPSON

DO animals think and reason? I am satisfied that old Ring does both. Ring came to my home fourteen years ago, merely a stray dog. I endeavored by every means possible to impress upon him the fact that he was an unwelcome guest. But to no purpose. My unfriendly attitude caused Ring to avoid me, but leave he would not.

One day I had occasion to visit a neighbor who was the possessor of a vicious dog. As I neared the gate he met me and was determined to sample my legs. I was fighting him off with my cane as best I could when suddenly a bundle of long hair flew by me, struck the dog, knocking him down and seizing him by the throat. It was Ring, and instantly taking in the situation the two of us, Ring and I, gave to that vicious brute a severe whipping and drove him inside the gate.

The next morning as I left my home Ring was by my side. He remained with me until I had passed the danger point—the home of the vicious dog—and then turning about went back home. It is needless to say that a friendship at once sprang up between Ring and myself that will last "until death do us part." And just as long as that dog remained at the home of my neighbor—morning, noon and night—Ring kept up his self-imposed task of guarding me, meeting me on my return and seeing me safe home.

In the course of time the dog was taken away, and at once Ring ceased his vigils. But after a year or more two more dogs, noisy but harmless, were kept on the street leading from my home to my office. And again old Ring resumed his task of guarding me, and though old and lame and halt, he never fails to be on hand to guard me safely past the danger point, going and coming. But beyond that point Ring never goes. He quietly turns round and goes back to his kennel, which I can assure you is warm and comfortable.

Old Ring is not a dog of aristocratic breeding, nor one of careful training. He is merely an ordinary, every day sort of dog—Shepherd, Spaniel and—dog. But during a life of more than ordinary activity—a life that has seen friends come and go—I have never yet met one so constant, loyal and true as old Ring. He knows when my supposed enemies are at home and never yet has neglected his vigil.

Ring is now old and feeble; his once bright eye is faded and dim; his once nimble joints are stiffened with age; but just so long as I have a home he is welcome to share it with me.

A DOG SOLILOQUY

By HELEN M. RICHARDSON

They've cut my tail off but I can't tell why,
Unless some foolish whim to satisfy.
I'd like to have it back to wag at will,
This little stub I have to keep so still.
I saw a horse with one, the other day,
That stuck out in the same ungraceful way.
I pitied him the flies were pestering so;
And how to keep them off he did not know,
Since the one instrument that God had made
For his relief was "docked," so someone said.
God could have made us without tails if he
Had deemed it wise, or so it seems to me.
Then why should man seek God's work to improve
Knowing the dog himself does not approve
This docking principle just to attain
A little stub that causes us such pain.

A dog talks with his tail, some people say,
I did with mine before 'twas cut away.
Three raps meant, thank you; one, I want
some meat;

Two were a question mark: when shall I eat?
While numerous raps at random were to say,—
I'm at your bidding if you want to play.
But this poor stub that ached so when 'twas
made,
Stands straight and stiff and so has always
stayed.

I prithee, friends, give heed unto my plea,
And leave dogs' tails as they were meant to be.
Since Nature gives to each poor beast his due,
Leave our ears just as she intended, too.
Then as we fawn about you, day by day,
You'll hear us thank you in our canine way.

WHAT MAN OWES TO THE DOG

In his delightful essay on "Our Friend, the Dog," Maeterlinck observes: "Man loves the dog, but how much more ought he to love it if he considered, in the inflexible harmony of the laws of nature, the sole exception, which is that love of a being that succeeds in piercing, in order to draw closer to us, the partitions, every elsewhere impermeable, that separate the species! We are alone, absolutely alone, on this chance planet; and amid all the forms of life that surround us, not one, excepting the dog, has made an alliance with us."



LORD WINSTON II.

Bred by Mrs. N. H. Dunning and owned by L. F. Reinhard, Spokane, Washington

ANGELL SAYINGS

Every kind word you say to a dumb animal or bird will make you happier.

Massachusetts has the first law in the world prohibiting vivisection in the schools.

Nations, like individuals, are powerful in the degree that they command the sympathies of their neighbors.

One thing we must never forget, namely: that the infinitely most important work for us is the humane education of the millions who are soon to come on the stage of action.

A German proverb tells us that every great war leaves a country with three armies—one of invalids, one of mourners, one of idle persons ready to commit crime.

A good platform for all churches—"Nearer, My God, to Thee"; nearer in goodness, in kindness, in mercy, in humanity, "Nearer, My God, to Thee."

What do I consider the most important work I am doing? Answer: Talking each month to the editors of every newspaper and magazine in North America, north of Mexico, who in turn talk to probably over sixty millions of readers.

Just so soon and so far as we pour into our schools the songs, poems and literature of mercy toward these lower creatures, just so soon and so far shall we reach the roots not only of cruelty but of crime.

Hundreds of thousands of children can never be taught directly in our schools to love either their fathers or mothers, but they can be taught to be constantly saying kind words and doing kind acts to the lower creatures, and in this way may be made better, kinder and more merciful in all the relations of life.

Can any better place be found to aid in insuring peace and prosperity than through the efforts of our American Humane Education Society, and its over forty-seven thousand (now over ninety-five thousand) Bands of Mercy already formed and other tens of thousands it is trying to form?

What is the use of teaching kindness to animals in schools and Sunday-schools? Answer: The eminent French teacher, De Sailly, says that when he began to teach kindness to animals in his school he found his pupils became not only kinder to animals but also kinder to each other.

The terrible sufferings of human beings and dumb animals in the recent wars in South Africa, Cuba and the Philippine Islands might all have been prevented by a proper humane education of rich and poor in public and private schools. While all the other American colonies were engaged in deadly wars with the Indians, the colony founded by William Penn remained in perfect peace.

The time will come when the nations' thinkers will see that there is no way under Heaven through which we can more effectually reach all classes of men, and particularly those that churches and Sunday-schools do not reach, and make them merciful in all the relations of life, than by leading them to say kind words and do kind acts a hundred times a day to the dumb creatures by whom they are surrounded.

Our Dumb Animals

Founded by Geo. T. Angell in 1868

Mass. Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals
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Boston, May, 1915

FOR TERMS see last pages, where our report of all remittances is published each month.

AGENTS to take orders for *Our Dumb Animals* are wanted everywhere. Liberal commissions are offered.

EDITORS of all periodicals who receive this publication this month are invited to reprint any of the articles with or without credit.

MANUSCRIPTS relating to animals, particularly prose articles of about three hundred words, are solicited, and authors are invited to correspond with the EDITOR, 180 Longwood Avenue, Fenway Station, Boston.

NOTICE

Exchanges and all others, please note that our mail address is simply Fenway Station, Boston, Mass. The offices are in the new Angell Memorial Animal Hospital Building at 180 Longwood Avenue.

To those living in Massachusetts who will have them properly posted we will send placards for the protection of our song and insect-eating birds.

Through the generosity of one of the best friends humane education ever had we were able recently to send packages of literature and information about forming Bands of Mercy to more than two hundred missionaries in our great West. This literature is eagerly welcomed and carefully used.

We are sending this month to each member of the graduating class of a large number of normal schools, particularly in the South, a selected package of humane literature. This is done only after correspondence with the superintendent of the school and his promise to see that the packages are delivered to each graduate.

We have handsomely framed in our Memorial Hall the names of all those who, since the foundation of our two Societies, have kindly remembered them in their wills. Wherever we have been able to obtain the portraits or photographs of these generous friends we have done so, and these also hang upon the walls of our "Hall of Fame."

THE WORK OF THE ANGELL ANIMAL HOSPITAL

The success of our new Hospital has so far exceeded our anticipations that we almost hesitate to give the report for the first five weeks lest the future fail to maintain the record. However, here is the report from March first, the day the Hospital was opened, to April seventh:

Cases brought to the Hospital for treatment	Cases treated at the Dispensary
Horses.....45	Horses.....24
Dogs.....82	Dogs.....168
Cats.....27	Cats.....97
Birds.....2	Birds.....5
Operations.....156	294
.....91	

We have had many very kind and wholly unsolicited letters from owners of animals which have been treated, expressing their great satisfaction with the treatment received and the skilful service of the veterinarians.

New equipment has been ordered for the small animal department and cases are waiting admission until we can increase our accommodations. We have also had to provide for many more horses than we expected would be sent us, at least for some months. The small pet boarding department also has steadily grown in the number of animals received.

STANDING THE VOYAGE

As one of the British steamers loaded with horses for the war left Boston a few weeks ago, our agent, Mr. Joseph M. Russell, who had been present while the horses were being put aboard the ship, asked one of the attendants if he would not write him when he reached Liverpool as to how the horses stood the voyage. Many of our readers will be pleased to see the following letter, dated March 6th, and received March 20th by Mr. Russell:

"86 Lambeth Road, Liverpool, England.

"Dear Sir:

"I take this opportunity to send you a few lines. I should have done so before but have been very busy. It may surprise you to know that there is very little, if any, war excitement over here. The greatest thing here is activity in the mills and factories. They are all working day and night.

"Regarding the care of the horses coming over. From what I could learn of my trip they got better food than the attendants,—hay, oats and bran, mixed, twice a day; also water twice daily. Sometimes the water doesn't run as clear as it should and, as some of the men are inexperienced, no doubt there is both underfeeding and overfeeding at times. Out of ten hundred and thirty-one horses on the trip we lost only fourteen, due mostly to colds.

"I beg to remain,

"Yours very truly,

(Signed) "J. W. JACKSON."

TOLL OF THE MOTOR VEHICLE

From the 1914 annual report of the Highway Safety League, we take the following statistics, showing the number of deaths, injuries and accidents caused by motor vehicles in Massachusetts:

	1912	1913	1914	*1914
Total number killed.....	142	188	229	28
Total number injured.....	1,962	2,923	4,010	447
Total number accidents.....	2,441	5,027	7,961	618
Total number accidents in daytime.....	1,632	3,799	6,009	504
Total number accidents after dark.....	809	1,228	1,952	114
Total number accidents on country roads.....	495	1,096	1,942	140
Total number accidents on city or town streets.....	1,946	3,931	6,019	478

*Motor cycle deaths, etc.

OUR UNIVERSITIES AND WAR

From an able editorial in the *Christian Science Monitor*, on Education and Militarism, we reprint the following and believe it is true to the facts:

The deliberate effort to make the universities and colleges of the United States auxiliary training schools for officers in an enlarged army and navy has had the backing of a few of the educators in charge of these institutions, but only a few. Presidents, professors and a majority of the students plan otherwise, and are not to be suddenly converted to militarism by preachments of fear based on the European Armageddon.

The work for peace, carried on now for so many years in school and college, has not been in vain. F.H.R.

HOWELL'S ANNUAL PLEA FOR ANIMALS

Mr. George Foster Howell of Brooklyn, New York, who for fourteen years has published an annual appeal for animal protection in the *Daily Eagle* of that city, announced this year that his 1915 appeal would be his last, as he felt the time had come to leave this part of the agitation to others. This notice of his intention aroused a storm of protest, personal letters on the subject being addressed to him by many of the most prominent humane leaders in the country. It is to be hoped that Mr. Howell, than whom animals have no sincerer friend, will be induced to reconsider his decision and continue to send forth his able and effective yearly plea for the dumb in the very influential Brooklyn *Eagle*.

EVERYBODY'S CHANCE TO HELP THE HOSPITAL

Some of our good lady friends are planning a Gift Shop for the benefit of the Angell Memorial Animal Hospital, to be opened next winter near the holiday season. Between now and then they desire to receive from all who are willing to aid, such articles as may, at that time, be placed on sale. They say that practically everything except what is perishable will be heartily welcomed and acknowledged. All kinds of embroidery articles, knitted and crocheted work, aprons for all occasions, things for baby wear, books, pictures, pottery, china, bric-a-brac, things for young and old, big and little, things for animals will form an important feature, such as blankets, baskets, dog collars, leashes, bird boxes, balls, etc.

Here is an opportunity for all our friends, for Bands of Mercy, for grown people and children to aid our Hospital. Nearly everyone can make and solicit something and so add to the success of our Holiday Gift Shop. The time to begin is right off. Please send all articles, plainly marked as follows: "Gift Shop," Angell Memorial Animal Hospital, 180 Longwood Avenue, Fenway Station, Boston, Mass. Each gift will be acknowledged. One friend has agreed to take entire charge of all these articles, see to their proper care and preservation until needed, and this she does gladly and gratuitously. Who will be the first to begin the good work?

A GOOD REPORT FROM THE FRONT

In an article entitled "Lord Lonsdale at the Front," the *Animals' Guardian*, London, says:

Lord Lonsdale says he was "enormously impressed by the health and vitality of all the horses that I saw," and, further:—

"I think it is only due to all those in the Veterinary Department and the Remount Department to express the extraordinary energy, the love of the animal, the time, hard work, and forethought displayed by all those connected with these two departments. It certainly was a surprise to me, and I went into every detail, and had every facility granted me, and saw every horse, and I do think that we—the real lovers of animals (if I may so express it), whose interests we have so deeply at heart—should be not only satisfied, but most grateful too, for the forethought, hard work, and endurance of all officers concerned, and the very highest praise is due to those in command."

His lordship mentions that the Royal S. P. C. A. has built a stable for the accommodation of wounded horses, but curiously enough does not refer to the work of the Blue Cross Fund, and he is absolutely silent about the work of that other fund with another color. My own idea is that, kindly as is the work undertaken by genuine charitable effort, it scarcely touches the fringe of the task, and what is needed with both the English and the French armies is not only a thoroughly capable but a thoroughly adequate veterinary corps.

COAST TO COAST

Apparently a horseback endurance ride is now in process of accomplishment between the Atlantic and the Pacific. Each rider is to keep his own daily record of distance covered. A race like this need not involve cruelty though in all human probability it will. These endurance races generally mean exhausted if not permanently injured horses. We trust all societies for the prevention of cruelty to animals, in the towns and cities through which these riders pass, will give special attention to the horses to see they are not being pushed beyond their strength and are suffering in no way from the experience.

F.H.R.



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MONTHLY REPORT

Animals examined	4067
Peddlers' horses examined	137
Number of prosecutions	20
Number of convictions	18
Horses taken from work	128
Horses humanely destroyed	118

Stock-yards and Abattoirs

Animals examined	9470
Cattle, swine and sheep humanely destroyed	37

The Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals acknowledges bequests of \$5513.26 from Edna C. Rice, \$5000 from Joseph C. Storey, \$3000 from Miss Harriet Otis Cruft, \$750 (additional) from Miss Alice M. Carter, and \$200 (in full) from Mrs. Abby M. Field. It also acknowledges gifts of \$100 from J. B. T.; and, for the Angell Memorial Building, \$250 from "a friend," \$189 from W. B. P., \$100 from W. B. W., \$64.98 from "a friend," and \$25 each from Mrs. H. E. S., Mrs. E. R. T., and Mrs. E. K. B.; and \$89.72, interest.

The American Humane Education Society has received \$5340.54 from the estate of Mrs. Elizabeth F. Noble, \$3000 from bequest of Miss Harriet Otis Cruft, and \$98.33 from a co-worker for the distribution of humane literature; and \$94.99, interest.

April 13, 1915.

THE ANNUAL PARADE

The Work Horse Relief Association is preparing for its annual parade on Decoration Day. The usual prizes will be awarded in the huckster, local express and barrel rack classes. In the old horse class the special prizes offered by the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty, the Animal Rescue League and the Red Acre Farm will be presented as formerly. Any horse in good condition and practically sound may be entered without fee. This yearly competition and parade have done a great deal to awaken the interests of team owners and drivers in the horse and his care, and to raise the standard of our horses in Boston and vicinity. F.H.R.

HUMANE DAY IN THE SCHOOLS

Tuesday, April 20, was observed as Humane Day in the public schools of Massachusetts, the masters of the Boston schools and superintendents of city and town schools in all parts of the State cooperating with the American Humane Education Society. To aid teachers in preparing suitable programs, we had printed over 14,000 copies of a sixteen-page pamphlet, entitled "Readings, Recitations and Other Exercises." These were distributed gratuitously throughout Massachusetts to such teachers as would agree to use them. Samples of the pamphlet, which may be had by anybody at cost (two cents each, \$1.50 per 100), will be mailed upon receipt of stamp.

TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY DOLLARS REWARD

The Mass. Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals offers a reward of \$250 to any one, who will furnish the evidence that will lead to a conviction, anywhere within the Commonwealth, for docking a horse's tail. The law with reference to this follows:

Section 72. Whoever cuts the bone of the tail of a horse for the purpose of docking the tail, or who ever causes or knowingly permits the same to be done upon the premises of which he is the owner, lessee, proprietor or user, or whoever assists in or is present at such cutting, shall be punished by imprisonment for not more than one year or by a fine of not less than one hundred nor more than three hundred dollars. If a horse is so found with its tail so cut and with the wound resulting from such cutting unhealed, upon the premises of any person or in the charge and custody of any person, such fact shall be prima facie evidence of a violation of the provisions of this section by the owner or user of such premises or the person having such charge or custody, respectively. F.H.R.

OUR WORCESTER AGENT

Robert L. Dyson, our district agent for Worcester and Franklin counties, with headquarters in Worcester, has just succeeded in securing the conviction of two wretches who vented their inhumanity upon a span of horses by stabbing them with pitchforks. One of the horses shows the marks of more than twenty wounds. It was only by most painstaking work that the conviction was secured, in spite of the heinousness of the deed, as one of the men kept in hiding. Four months in the House of Correction was the sentence for each. Complaints of cruelty in Worcester and Franklin counties should be sent Mr. Dyson, whose address is 339 Main street, and whose telephone number is 2494. Mr. Dyson has the entire confidence of the Society he represents. F.H.R.

THE HORSE AND THE ROAD

A bill has been favorably reported to the Massachusetts Legislature which authorizes the Highway Commission to investigate and report upon the feasibility of so constructing state roads that a space may be reserved on either side of them for horse-drawn vehicles. The effort to make a road adapted to the automobile has resulted in a road surface upon which it is almost impossible for a horse to get a footing. At present, both in the city and the country, horses are constantly falling on highways that are like polished iron. This agitation is bound to increase until some solution of the difficulty is found. The number of draught horses in Massachusetts on farms and in cities does not decrease in spite of the automobile and the auto-truck, and nothing is more unreasonable than that the interests of the horses and their owners should be so totally disregarded for the sake of the automobile. F.H.R.

DOGS GUARD BODY TILL SHOT

Guarded by a pair of bulldogs, which suffered death themselves rather than desert their post of self-imposed duty, the body of Frank Lau-meister, sixty-six years old, an odd character of the Potrero district in San Francisco, was found in a shack where the old man lived alone for many years, with only his pets for companions, says the *Chronicle* of that city. Death is supposed to have occurred from natural causes.

When the deputy coroner and messenger went out to take charge of the body they found the two dogs on guard and in a most belligerent mood. The animals also showed evidences of starvation. A call for help to police headquarters brought two patrolmen who, being unable to gain possession of the old man's body by other means, shot the dogs.

HE WAS JUST A STRAY

He's a little dog, with a stubby tail, and a moth-eaten coat of tan,
 And his legs are short, of the wabby sort: I doubt if they ever ran;
 And he howls at night, while in broad daylight he sleeps like a bloomin' log,
 And he likes the feed of the gutter breed: he's a most irregular dog.

I call him Bum, and in total sum he's all that his name implies,
 For he's just a tramp with a highway stamp that culture cannot disguise;
 And his friends, I've found, in the streets abound, be they urchins or dogs or men;
 Yet he sticks to me with a fiendish glee. It is truly beyond my ken.

I talk to him when I'm lonesome-like, and I'm sure that he understands
 When he looks at me so attentively and gently licks my hands;
 Then he rubs his nose on my tailored clothes, but I never say aught thereat.
 For the good Lord knows I can buy more clothes, but never a friend like that!

So my good old pal, my irregular dog, my flea-bitten, stub-tailed friend,
 Has become a part of my very heart, to be cherished till lifetime's end;
 And on Judgment-day, if I take the way that leads where the righteous meet,
 If my dog is barred by the heavenly guard—we'll both of us brave the heat!

W. DAYTON WEGEFARTH.

THE HORSES WOUNDED IN WAR

From a letter of Clara Barton (written some years ago), to Miss Georgiana Kendall of New York City, a vice-president of the American Humane Education Society and one of America's wisest and most devoted humanitarians, we take the following:

"I have often said, as I am sure would be recalled by the friends who have heard me speak, that among the shocking and heart-rending scenes of the battle-field the screams of the wounded horses lingered more painfully in my ears, if possible, than the moans of the wounded men. I think you are right in the statement that the veterinary surgeon in Germany is commissioned to follow the army and put an end to the agonies of the poor wounded animals, which from their great vitality and strength will live long to suffer. They die slow and hard if left to themselves, and I myself have seen the vultures hovering over and tearing at them while life yet remained.

"I bid you God-speed in your humane endeavors; be not weary in well-doing." F.H.R.

BOY-POLICEMEN

The Junior Police Force of the City of New York is among the latest developments in city government. Excellent results have already come from the organization of these 300 or more enthusiastic youngsters who are diligently upholding the law, maintaining order and keeping cleaner than ever before the streets of that section of their city known as the Bowery.

The head of this new auxiliary force, who is Captain John F. Sweeney of the "regulars," says that bonfires have been reduced in the district ninety-eight per cent., complaints of disorderly street gatherings have been cut to less than half, street cleaning has been lightened, fire escapes cleared, garbage cans kept in order, juvenile cigarette smoking made unpopular and a juvenile millennium all but inaugurated.

This is indeed a fine record. It suggests at once the "boy policeman" for all our cities, as a promising way of making better cities as well as better citizens.

American Humane Education Society



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For rates of membership in both of our Societies and for prices of literature, see back pages. Checks should be made payable to the Treasurer.

A PROPHECY

We take the following from the Boston *Evening Transcript* of March 30, 1889:

The Most Important Discovery of the Nineteenth Century

The future historian will tell his readers that the most important discovery of the nineteenth century—more important than all discoveries in the art of war, all armor-clad vessels, all guns, fortifications and cannon—more important than all telegraph wires and all the applied powers of steam and electricity—more important than all prisons and penitentiaries—was the discovery of the simple fact that the roots of all wars and murders and cruelty and crime could be cut off by simply teaching and leading every child to seize every opportunity to say a kind word or do a kind act that should make some other human being or dumb creature happier. That on the continent of North America, in the city of Boston, on the 16th day of January, 1889, was organized the first incorporated society in the world—*The American Humane Education Society*—for the specific object of awakening the world to the importance of this discovery—that through the American press, by prizes and otherwise, it succeeded in attracting the attention, sympathy and aid of Christians, patriots and philanthropists of all nations—that through its "*Bands of Mercy*" and an immense free distribution of humane literature it succeeded in reaching the children, not only in every American school, but also in every American home—that in all the schools, prizes and honors were given to those that most excelled in acts of kindness—that the children of the criminal classes were reached, because every criminal, by the commission of crime, forfeited the right of custody of his children, which were taken by State Boards of Charities and placed in surroundings suitable to make them good citizens—that a public sentiment was built up which made the rich kind to the poor, the poor kind to the rich, and all crimes and cruelties infamous, and so in process of time every form of unnecessary human and animal suffering was relieved, and wars, cruelty and crime banished, because every child was taught in all public, private and Sunday-schools, and in a hundred thousand free kindergartens, supported at public expense, to make its own life happier by seizing every opportunity to say a kind word or do a kind act that should make happier the lives of others, both human and dumb, and that the highest honors of the State and nation were due to those who did the most to increase the nation's happiness.

GEO. T. ANGELL.

AN ETHICAL PROBLEM

A Book on Vivisection

Innumerable books, pamphlets and leaflets have been written upon the subject of Vivisection. So bitter has the controversy become at times that both those who oppose the practice and those who defend it have been driven to the widest extremes of statement. On the one hand the most extravagant claims are made as to the beneficial results derived from animal experimentation; on the other it is asserted, with equal vehemence, that absolutely nothing has ever been gained for medicine or surgery by reason of such methods of investigation. In many cases the discussion has fallen to the level of personal attack upon the veracity, good faith and integrity of those opposing each other in the debate.

"An Ethical Problem," by Albert Leffingwell, M.D., recently published, is by far the most judicial and unimpassioned contribution to the study of the question that it has been our privilege to read. Dr. Leffingwell has long been known, both in this country and in Europe, as a writer upon this theme. No one, so far as we know, has brought to it at once so calm and balanced a judgment as he, or a more exact knowledge of the whole field in which biological investigation plays so large a part. This latest publication from his pen is the result of years of study, of unremitting toil in the great libraries of this country and abroad where every facility was at hand to obtain data and to verify facts.

The preface of the book gives us at the outset the position taken. "It is not," he says, "the view known as anti-vivisection, so far as this means the condemnation without exception of all phases of biological investigation." Frankly, however, he says, "With the present ideals of the modern physiological laboratory, so far as they favor the practice of vivisection in secrecy and without legal regulation, the writer has no sympathy whatever." He further says, "An ethical problem exists. It concerns not the prevention of all experimentation upon animals, but rather the abolition of its cruelty, its secrecy, its abuse." "What is Vivisection?" "On Certain Mistakes of Scientists," "Is Torture Justified by Utility?" "What is Vivisection Reform?" "The Final Phase: Experimentation on Man,"—these are among the chapter headings of a book written without bitterness, without personal animosity against those with whom he differs, and which seeks to carry conviction, not by the force of unverified quotations or the repetition of utterances made often in the heat of controversy, but by arguments based upon demonstrable fact and supported by authorities to which you are referred, chapter and verse.

The sections that deal with the reform that should be sought are worthy the serious consideration of both those who defend and those who attack animal experimentation. Stated briefly, the ends toward which all reform should be directed are: 1. The Registration of Laboratories. 2. The Registration of Experimenters. 3. Reports of Experiments. These reports, that should be demanded by the State, should be exact and full, and as trustworthy as the reports made by officers of banks or insurance companies. The author believes that the State has a right to all the facts, that once having the facts only such legislation may be expected as will guard against cruelty and abuse. By such reports, he says, we shall obtain a vast amount of information "without crossing the threshold of a single laboratory, without hindering in any way whatever the least important investigation of a single scientific investigator."

Is such a demand by the State reasonable, practicable, and warranted? The majority of scientific experimenters, though legal regulation prevails in England, say "No." They insist that so long as what they do is done in the name of science their liberty should never be restricted by any right of interference from without. Against this attitude of the laboratory Dr. Leffingwell quotes the vigorous language of the late Professor William James of Harvard, who, though not an anti-vivisectionist, wrote, "This contention seems to me to flatly contradict the best conscience of our time. The rights of the helpless—even though they may be brutes—must be protected by those who have superior power. The individual vivisector must be held responsible to some authority which he fears. The medical and scientific men who, time and time

again, have raised their voice in opposition to all legal projects of regulation, know as well as any one else does the unspeakable possibilities of callousness, wantonness, and meanness of human nature."

At one point we must differ from the author. We believe he exaggerates the number and the seriousness of the experiments that are practised in the average medical school. We have had some special opportunities through personal friendship with students to learn the facts with regard to what was a part of their own medical training. The secrets of the laboratory, the practices of the special investigator who is seeking to verify some theory or searching for some new discovery—here is a realm of scientific investigation about which the public knows nothing, save as the vivisector himself may reveal it through such reports of his experiments as are embodied in his publications. That some of these reports disclose forms of cruelty, and even of torture, is evident to all who read them. These are the outrages against which the vast body of mankind would protest were they familiar with the facts.

That the long continued agitation carried on by anti-vivisection societies has lessened many of the abuses of the past we do not for a moment question. The time must come when physiologists as a body, as Professor James declares they should have done long ere this, will meet public opinion half-way, and "admitting that the situation is a genuinely ethical one, . . . give up the preposterous claim that every scientist has an unlimited right to vivisect, for the amount or mode of which no man, not even a colleague, can call him to account." When that time comes, and we believe it is not far distant, some legal regulation of animal experimentation will be had. For this end the book we have so imperfectly reviewed has been written, and when at last such regulation is attained none will have a larger share in the gratitude of all who will rejoice in it than the author whose notable book we have been considering.

369 pp. Price, \$2.50. Copies may be obtained from publisher, C. P. Farrell, 117 East 21st Street, New York. We are enabled, however, to offer the book to any member of our two Societies or to any paid subscriber to *Our Dumb Animals* at a special discount of thirty per cent., making the price \$1.75. F.H.R.

WORK IN SAN DIEGO

Mrs. Rachel C. Hogue, our representative in San Diego, California, and Mrs. H. C. Reynolds, are in charge of the exhibition of the American Humane Education Society in the Southern California Building at the San Diego Exposition, where they are distributing literature freely.

Mrs. Hogue has been instrumental in having the San Diego Humane Educational League subscribe for two hundred copies of *Our Dumb Animals*, to be sent to the various schools in that city. Evidently the League has decided that the circulation of *Our Dumb Animals* is the best investment that can be made in the interests of humane education.

ANIMALS IN ORIENTAL LITERATURE

All through Oriental literature we find animals held up to man as models.

The ascetic is told to pattern in austerity and humility after the ass, which is content to sleep by the roadside on a dust-heap or a layer of leaves. He is told to wrap himself in the vesture of meekness when he goes forth with his begging bowl, as the white ant covers itself with a leaf when it goes in quest of food. Even the humble hog is held up to the yogi,—as the hog digs a trough in the marsh and lies therein, so the yogi should bury his body in the trough of his mind. He is told to follow the owl in his love of seclusion which is favorable to calm and reflection.

The elephant is the type of patient endurance and self-restraint. Buddha is often spoken of as the great elephant. The pious recluse, who has renounced the world, is told to imitate the rhinoceros who loves to dwell alone and remote from its kind. L. H. G.

CHILDREN'S PAGE

LESSONS FROM THE JUNGLE BOOKS

WHETHER we accept *Mowgli* as a fairy tale, charmed by its fantastic imagery, or whether we take it seriously, drinking deeply of the beautiful truths on which the book is built, there are, in these wonderful Jungle Stories of Kipling, many humanitarian sentiments, and to children there could be no better lessons taught than some of the principles by which these beasts of the jungle guided their lives.

When Mowgli, the little boy, tumbled, laughing, into the cave of the Gray Wolf, the father wolf demanded fearfully whether his mate intended to keep this cub of man—their arch enemy, and mother wolf answered, "Keep him! He came by night, alone and very hungry, and yet he was not afraid. Assuredly I will keep him!" Could a better example be quoted to children to teach them their duty to the young animals who come to them alone and very hungry and always, through their ignorance, unafraid?

Then, too, Mowgli was taught the Strangers' Hunting Call, which must be repeated aloud till it is answered, whenever one of the Jungle People hunts outside his own grounds. It means, translated: "Give me leave to hunt here because I am hungry"; and the answer is: "Hunt, then, for food, but not for pleasure."

Man is the only animal that kills for the pleasure of killing. And the most appealing moral of all, whether we take the lesson as an allegory or as a truth, is the cry by which Mowgli eventually saves his life,—the fraternal call of the Jungle, which he gave to the bird flying far above him,—*"We be of one blood, thou and I."* L. H. G.



LITTLE ESKIMO PETS

ARCTIC DOGS

FAR up north on the wild and snowy wastes is the home of the Eskimo or Arctic dogs. Although many of them are half-savage, scarcely more than reclaimed wolves, they are wonderfully cunning and enduring. With the reindeer they are the beasts of burden, valuable to their owner and a great help to explorers and travelers in these cold and trackless regions. Over the untrodden, frozen plains these dogs can travel at the rate of seven to eight miles an hour, drawing a good-sized load, and keeping up the pace for several days. In summer they are turned loose to shift for themselves and are far more happy than in the winter season, which is one of toil and slavery for them, with little to eat, the poorest of shelter and generally cruel treatment.



MY BEST CHUM

By STUART TABER

I'm chums with all th' fellers around this end o' town;
There's only one among 'em that ever put me down.

I'm fond o' Bill an' Lefty, an' Toots, an' all th' rest,
But that don't make no diff'rence; I like my dog th' best.

He never steals my marbles like other fellers do,
An' when I get a lickin' he allus feels bad too.

An' when we go a-swimmin' he don't throw mud at me,
An' never hides my jacket inside er hollow tree.

I'm friends with all th' fellers; they're fine fer playin' ball—
But when it comes to chummin', my dog's th' best of all.

THE BALTIMORE ORIOLE OR GOLDEN ROBIN

AMONG the most brilliantly dressed as well as sweetest singing birds that summer anywhere in the United States is the Baltimore oriole. Have you ever wondered how this bird got its name? It was because of its colors, black and orange—the colors of the arms of Lord Baltimore to whom Maryland first belonged and who was so delighted with the bird that he named it after himself.

The Baltimore oriole is one of the most fearless of all our birds, often building its nest in the branches of a tree in the noisiest section of a city, where its cheery song is heard above the din and clatter of the street.

The nest of this beautiful bird is very interesting, and displays great skill in the making. In shape, it resembles a long pouch and is swung hammock fashion from two twigs at the extremity of a lofty, drooping branch. It is formed of vegetable fiber and wool, closely interwoven, then securely sewed in place with very strong stitches. The thread used for sewing is usually long horse-hairs, though, especially if the nest is within close range of civilization, bits of string, thread or silk floss are used. The mother bird does the building, while her mate searches for and brings the material. The Baltimore oriole contributes its beauty and cheer to brighten life's pathway, and should be sure of protection from us all.

SCENES IN THE NEW ANGELL MEMORIAL ANIMAL HOSPITAL



JUST BEFORE TILTING THE TABLE



A FIVE-YEAR-OLD, DOWN AND OUT, GAINING FAST

The American Band of Mercy

Founded by Geo. T. Angell and Rev. Thos. Timmins

DR. FRANCIS H. ROWLEY, President GUY RICHARDSON, Secretary
E. A. MARYOTT and L. H. GUYOL, State Organizers

PLEDGE: "I will try to be kind to all living creatures and try to protect them from cruel usage."

We send without cost to every person who forms a Band of Mercy of thirty members, and sends us the name chosen for the Band and the name and address of the president:

1. *Our Dumb Animals*, for one year.
 2. Several leaflets, containing pictures, stories, poems, addresses, reports, etc.
 3. An imitation gold badge for the president.
- See inside back cover for prices of Band of Mercy supplies.

NEW BANDS OF MERCY

Six hundred and eighty-six new Bands of Mercy were reported in March, of which 286 were in schools of Rhode Island, 182 in schools of Massachusetts, 115 in schools of Connecticut, and 24 in schools of South Carolina. The numerals show the number of Bands in each school or town:

Schools in Massachusetts

Boston: Phillips Brooks, 16; Hull, 8; Quincy Dickerman, 9; Harvard, 12; Samuel Dexter, 8; Nahum Chapin, 3; B. T. Tweed, 4; Thomas Starr King, 6; Prescott, 14; James McDonald, 5; Abram E. Cutter, 3; Oliver Wendell Holmes, 24; Old Gibson, 6; Marshall, 13; Florence Nightingale, 9; Wm. E. Endicott, 11; Glenway, 3.
Worcester: Quinsigamond, 22; Harlow St., 4.
Berkeley, Massachusetts: Wanbeck.
Fall River, Massachusetts: Mt. Hope.

Schools in Maine

Arrowsic: Methodist S. S.
Bath: Gospel Mission, Naval and Military Orphan Asylum.
Durham: Friends S. S., 4.
West Gardiner: Free Baptist S. S.

Schools in Rhode Island

Providence: Kelly St., 6; Plainfield St., Plainfield St. Annex; Chalkstone Ave., 10; Killingly St., 7; Meeting St. Disciplinary, 2; Hammond St., 7; Charles St., 10; Smith St. Primary, 8; Broad St. Grammar, 16; Immaculate Conception, 10; Cleary Grammar, 19; St. Patrick, 9; California Ave., 4; Candace Grammar, 15; Tyler, 19; St. Mary's, 8; St. Edward's, 6; Our Lady of the Lourdes, 8; St. Teresa's, 13; St. Charles, 8; Rhode Island Normal, 10; Meeting St. Fresh Air; Point St. Grammar, 15; Arnold St., 11; St. Mary's, 7; Berlin St. Primary, 4; Vineyard St. Grammar, 11; Greeley St., 8; America St. Primary, 10; Africa St. Primary, 7; Althea St. Primary, 8; Mt. Pleasant Ave., 7.

Schools in Connecticut

Glastonbury: Fifth District, 2.
Hartford: First Baptist Junior.
Meriden: Liberty St., 8; Columbia St., 8; Church St., 9; East Primary, 4; Willow, 5; West Grammar, 3; Franklin, 3; West Main St., 9.
New Britain: State Normal, 5; Camp, 6.
Newington: North, 2; Elm Hill, 4.
Plainville: Grammar, 11.
Rockville: West District, 10.
South Meriden: Hanover, 4.
South Windsor: Union District, 6.
Warehouse Point: Fifth District, 6; Hartford County Home, 4.
Auburn, New York: L. T. L.
Glen, New York: Rockwell.
Sprakers, New York: Sprakers.

Chambersburg, Pennsylvania: Bird Lovers, 2; Stevens School; Second Grade; Ernest Seton Thompson.
Clearfield, Pennsylvania: Mount Zion.
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania: Bud of Promise.
Annapolis Junction, Maryland: District School.
Bowie, Maryland: Bowie, 3.
Brunswick, Maryland: East Side Public School, 8.
Georgetown, Maryland: Friendship.
Harpers Ferry, Virginia: Graded School, 5.

Schools in South Carolina

Bennettsville: Marlboro, 3.
Darlington: Mayho, 7; Independent, 2.
Florence: Wilson Graded, 9.
Hartsville: Graded, 3.
Jamestown, Tennessee: Jamestown.
Columbus, Mississippi: Mercy; Coleman; Houston; W. C. T. U.
Starkville, Mississippi: W. C. T. U.
West Point, Mississippi: Young Woman's.
Youngstown, Ohio: Kyles Corner School; Princeton, 18.
Merrill, Michigan: Honest Workers.
Packwaukee, Wisconsin: Packwaukee, 2.
Duluth, Minnesota: Jefferson School, 2.
Oskaloosa, Iowa: Juniors of S. S.

Bands in Oklahoma

Balko: Balko.
Beaver Valley: Beaver Valley.
Elmwood: Elmwood.
Forgan: Forgan.
Gate: Gate.
Mocane: Mocane, 2.
Mountain Home, Idaho: Mountain Home.
Centralia, Washington: Edison School.
Angels Camp, California: Angels Camp.

Total number Bands of Mercy, 96,160.

THE MONKEY FROM AFRICA

By HORACE SEYMOUR KELLER

This is the monk' at which we laugh;
So wise he takes it all as chaff.
Within the depths of his bright eyes
The history of ages lies.

He comes to glad us—in return
We cage him. How his pulses yearn
For the sweet flowers and the gloam
Away back in his jungle home!

This little gentleman of brown
Who comes to please this fretful town—
Dies, and is hurried swift away
The same as you and me—all clay!

This little creature of delight
With eyes so beady-like and bright:—
Who says he has no soul? not I—
For, I, the same as he must die.

PRIZES FOR NEW BANDS OF MERCY**\$25 Offered as an Incentive to Organize "Be Kind to Animals" Bands**

The American Humane Education Society, desiring to further the good work of the "Be Kind to Animals" campaign, and to impress the words of this motto in the mind and heart of every child and adult it can reach, has decided to offer four prizes for the four new Bands of Mercy with the largest number of members that are organized and properly reported up to the date of the close of this contest, which will be December 1, 1915.

The first prize will be \$10.00; the second, \$7.50; the third, \$5.00; the fourth, \$2.50. These prizes will be given in cash or its equivalent in humane literature, or they may, at the winner's request, be donated to any humane society that the winner may designate.

The conditions under which these prizes are offered are:

1. This contest is open to all parts of the world.
2. The Bands of Mercy must be newly organized Bands, to be known as "BE KIND TO ANIMALS" Bands of Mercy. No Band already organized is eligible for entrance to this contest, nor is any member of any organized Band eligible for membership in a new Band.
3. Each member of such newly organized Band is expected to use his or her influence in extending the "Be Kind to Animals" idea by displaying this motto as frequently and in as many ways as possible.
4. The new Band having the greatest number of members will be awarded the first prize, and so on until the fourth prize.
5. All reports of Bands, with location and number of members, are to be sent by some humane officer or worker, to the American Humane Education Society, Fenway Station, Boston, to reach that office by December 1, 1915.

SEE THIS AT SAN FRANCISCO

At the Panama-Pacific Exposition, the San Francisco S. P. C. A. has a building in the livestock department, with a complete exhibit of devices and appliances for the protection of animals. The building covers 2000 square feet of ground, and contains a reading and rest room for visitors which is well patronized. The exhibits include a completely equipped ambulance station, section of a model shelter for animals, sanitary fountains, etc.

FORTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT For the Year Ending March 1, 1913

I.

The Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals

THE annual report having to be in the printer's hands almost at the same time that we were moving into our new building and making preparations for the dedicatory exercises held in connection with its opening, has necessitated a much abbreviated statement. The sixty thousand copies of *Our Dumb Animals*, issued monthly, have told, however, the story of our work during the year more fully than any extended report could do.

The Angell Memorial Animal Hospital

It can easily be understood that the erection, during the past year, of our new building, involving, as it has, attention to innumerable details with regard to construction and equipment, has demanded no little time. Our purpose

that allowed them to make a reasonable remuneration. There is no difference in the attention bestowed upon the patients because of the ability or inability of those who bring them to contribute toward the expense involved. Besides this, there is the free clinic, open two hours every day, except Sunday, to which anyone may come for the best service we can render, always without charge. As necessity shall demand these hours will be lengthened. The desire of the Directors is to conduct the hospital as our leading human hospitals are managed, where those who can pay do so, and where those who cannot, share also in their helpful ministries. Even then a moment's thought will show that nobody begins to pay in full for what he receives. It is only because hundreds of people give gen-

the horse; the supplying of the nearly two thousand policemen of Boston not only monthly with *Our Dumb Animals*, but also with a pocket folder, showing, by illustration, how to destroy animals humanely; the maintenance, in the city, through the summer months of two wagons for watering horses at an expense of eleven dollars a day, and also providing men at various places to assist teamsters at hydrants in watering their horses; making possible forty-five weeks of vacation for the overworked horses of men unable to do this but for our assistance; securing the observance of Humane Horse Day in many cities and towns of the Commonwealth by sending out a large number of letters, distributing the Humane Horse Day buttons and tags; mailing to our three hundred and fifty local



A FULL SURGICAL WARD



DRESSING, THIRD DAY, AFTER REMOVAL OF TUMORS

has been, in spite of this, to allow no department of the work of the two Societies to suffer, and the reports of their activities we believe will demonstrate that our purpose has not failed.

At last we are moved and practically settled. The Societies created by George Thorndike Angell have now a permanent home,—an ideal he had cherished for many years; an enduring memorial for him stands out conspicuously among the noted institutions of the city where he lived and labored during a long and successful life; and at the same time a far step forward has been taken in humane work by the provision of a hospital with modern facilities for the best scientific treatment that can be given sick and injured animals. This hospital has opened with a patronage beyond our expectation. We did not expect the public would crowd its doors immediately that they were opened. Our hope has been to see it steadily grow in the confidence of the community and in the number of patients entrusted to its care. From the opening day, however, it has more than fulfilled our anticipations. Both the well-to-do and those unable to pay for its services have sought its aid. The poor man's horse, and the smaller animals of those in straightened circumstances, have been received alike with those belonging to men and women who would not have come to us under any other conditions than those

erously to the hospital and its work, people who never bring an animal to it, that it can maintain its service at all.

The ideal before us is to advance to the limit of our power the whole practice of veterinary medicine and surgery in New England; to set an ever higher standard, and so to assist all members of this important profession in establishing their work on the best possible level. This is an ideal that plans not merely for the present but for the future, and which demands patience, time and money. Criticism we expect. There are doubtless those who would sacrifice everything for the needs of the present hour, who would lay no broad foundations for an abiding, developing institution moving forward into the future with increasing influence and power. Such a policy we cannot believe is the one to pursue.

Features of the Year's Work

Among the services of the past year, in addition to the regular work embodied in the statistical reports, may be mentioned the following: The preparation and sending to the military authorities of the Canadian Government, through their permission, thousands of cards giving directions for destroying humanely the fatally wounded horse, and containing also suggestions relating to the care and feeding of

agents five thousand posters calling attention to the laws protecting song and insectivorous birds, and two thousand posters to the agents along the coast, particularly, relative to the legal liability incurred by anyone abandoning a cat (one conviction we obtained for this offense); distributing five thousand "Spare the Whip" buttons among teamsters through the Teamsters' Union; supplying express companies and poultry dealers with ten thousand posters for distribution through New England, regarding the requirements for humanely shipping poultry, and notifying all shippers and carrying companies of the action that would be taken by the Society when such regulations were violated.

Work Throughout the State

During the year the Society has endeavored to awaken new interest in humane work throughout the State. It sent a competent representative, first to Springfield, who, in connection with our agent there, and after calling upon those known to be interested in animals, succeeded in organizing a local society which, in the face of many obstacles, we believe, has called the attention of the entire city anew to the importance of our cause and will prove a power for good in that section of the State. Similar work was done in Holyoke, where an active committee was formed to look after local con-

ditions. Several weeks of time have also been given to Lynn in the effort to induce its leading citizens to unite in some form of organization to care for the animals of their locality. We have reason to believe that the plan adopted will result in much good. Citizens of Pittsfield, North Adams and Northampton have been written to relative to similar work being undertaken in those places, and have promised our representative who is to visit them, their co-operation.

In connection with these visits to Springfield, Holyoke and Lynn, there have been many public addresses made before schools, boys' clubs, women's clubs and other organizations, upon the importance of Humane Education, and in the interests of kindness to animals.

The Worcester Branch

Special mention should be made of the excellent work done by the Branch Society in Worcester. This comparatively recent organization has well justified the efforts of those who were active in its formation. This Branch has done much toward directing the winter bird-feeding campaign in and about Worcester. It has also been of great assistance to our agent in that city in working with him to better conditions. During the cold Saturdays of the winter it has had school-boys going about the streets from nine A.M. to half-past four P.M. carrying signs which read, "Please Blanket Your Horses." This is an excellent suggestion for other societies that would interest the young in humane work.

The Tasks That Never Cease

Year by year our Society keeps unremittingly at certain tasks that from their very nature attract little public attention. The situation created by the existence close by us of the "stock-yards" where thousands of cattle, sheep and swine are received and sold each week, many of them bound for the slaughter-houses near at hand, is never neglected by our agents. Winter and summer they are there examining every carload that arrives, guarding against cruelty, looking after any injured or exhausted animals, and doing all our present laws allow us to do to lessen the inhumanities that still characterize the slaughter of our food animals. So far as possible the stunning of these animals is insisted upon before the use of the knife. Even where the Jewish methods

of slaughter prevail, which do not admit of stunning before using the knife, we have been able to secure, in a majority of cases, the stunning of the animal immediately after the knife is used, so reducing the period of possible conscious suffering to as short a space as we can. The law permits the Jewish method because of the plea that it is demanded by the ritual of the Hebrew faith. We shall never be worthy the name of a civilized state until the stunning of all our food animals is made imperative by legal enactment.

Complaints and Investigations

Daily too, in addition to the prosecutions of which the press takes note, there are the innumerable complaints to be investigated, the warnings to be given, the visiting of stables, the talks with drivers and owners to avoid prosecutions where possible, and to persuade, where persuasion may avail. Alas, that we cannot do all the public expects and demands! Many believe that we can take any man's horse,

when the Society's agents do come before them it is because of a real offense and not one that cannot be proved as cruelty.

The record of 1788 horses found by our agents and humanely destroyed is some evidence at least of a vast amount of suffering relieved and ended without resort to the courts. Sometimes small sums are paid for these horses when they cannot be obtained otherwise, but, for the most part, they are surrendered by their owners who know they ought to be released from a service already too long continued. It is occasionally charged against us that we condemn a horse, secure the promise of his being destroyed, and then fail to follow up the case, and so never know what becomes of him. A liberal reward will cheerfully be paid by the President of the Society out of his own pocket, for any case where such a statement can be substantiated.

The City of Boston

A word should be said of the willingness of the various departments of the City to cooperate with us in every way possible when the welfare of animals has been sought. The Water Department has established, at our request, a large number of hydrants for watering horses since the action of the Department of Animal Industry closed all the fountains. The heads of the Police Department have responded cheerfully to many calls. The Fire Department has been ready on several occasions to send out its ladder trucks to rescue small animals from tree-tops where we could not otherwise have reached them. The Public Works Department has repaired dangerous places in the streets to which attention has been called, and renewed manhole covers that had grown so smooth as to become dangerous. It has also quickly removed accumulations of ice at points where we have asked to have it done, and has spent much time and money in sanding certain streets where the condition of the pavement and grade made footing perilous for horses. For the courtesy and co-operation of the Mayor and all associated with him in the management of the City's affairs we are heartily grateful.



OUR TRUCKING AND AMBULANCE EMERGENCY TEAM

if it seems to the complainant unfit for work, and destroy it, or have its owner summoned into court for using it. There are hundreds of horses we examine every year that we would gladly take from the street and send to their eternal rest if we could. Long experience has taught us what the courts will and what they will not allow us to do, and nothing would cripple us more than to keep bringing before our judges cases which we could not sustain in the face of the law. As a rule the courts know

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The American Humane Education Society

Field workers of the American Humane Education Society have been active throughout the country from Maine to California. Miss Alice May Douglas has spoken in Maine before conventions, teachers' institutes and other gatherings, with the result that active Bands of Mercy are now to be found in the public schools and Sunday-schools of many cities and towns of that State. In Ohio, Mrs. Virginia S. Mercer has addressed many schools and organized them into Bands. Arrangements are now being made for her to go to Birmingham, Alabama, to visit the schools of that city in the interests of the Band of Mercy. Our two representatives in South Carolina, the Rev. Richard Carroll and Mrs. E. L. Dixon, have been doing missionary work where it is most needed. Mr. Carroll has lectured before schools, churches, institutes and

State universities, both white and colored, throughout the South, his latest tour including addresses in Virginia, Kentucky, Arizona and Texas. Mrs. Dixon has been speaking at conferences and other public meetings, forming Bands in schools and churches, and visiting the country districts where she reaches personally many farmers and laborers. At the Colored State Fair, in South Carolina, she obtained a booth from which quantities of humane literature were given away.

Wild West "Stampedes" Stopped

Most successful also has been the work done by Mrs. Jennie R. Nichols of Idaho in influencing public opinion against Wild West shows and "stampedes." Through her efforts the Sunday-school Association of Idaho passed resolu-

tions of protest against the "stampede," and these were sent to the directors of the State Fair Association. As a result of her agitation, only one town in Idaho will hold a "stampede" this year. Mrs. Nichols spent much time addressing teachers' institutes, mothers' meetings, and other gatherings, and organizing Bands in schools and churches. For the first time in Idaho an elaborate float representing humane education formed a feature of the parade at the Rose Carnival in Boise last June.

Literature at San Diego Exposition

The Society has an exhibit of literature, which is freely distributed, in the Southern California Building at the San Diego Exposition, in charge of Mrs. H. C. Reynolds and Mrs. Rachel C. Hogue. A Humane Educational League has

been organized in that city, with Mrs. Hogue as secretary and general superintendent. The League has subscribed for two hundred copies of *Our Dumb Animals* to be sent to every school in the city, in most of which juvenile humane societies have already been organized.

Our Western Press Bureau has continued its effective work this year, under the able guidance of Mrs. Alice L. Park, of Palo Alto, California. Humane "copy" is mailed regularly to over 400 newspapers, and Spanish literature is sent to the editors of Spanish papers. Mrs. Park has attended numerous meetings of women's clubs, conventions, and humane associations, speaking whenever the opportunity offered and distributing literature freely. She has communicated with the teachers of California, urging upon them the need of humane instruction in the schools. In December Mrs. Park went to Honolulu, where she conducted a humane press bureau, gave stereopticon addresses, and circulated literature, including one of our humane libraries. She also sent literature to the leper colony at Molokai.

New Home of Band of Mercy in Havana

Mrs. Jeannette Ryder, a most devoted humane worker, opened the new home of the Band of Mercy in Havana, Cuba, last spring—a remarkable achievement when one considers the difficulties she has had to face almost single-handed. The building, which originally belonged to the government, was formally turned over to Mrs. Ryder by the decree of President Menocal. It was thoroughly remodeled and now contains a meeting place for the Band of Mercy, a day nursery, and an equipment for receiving and humanely destroying stray cats and dogs. The Havana Band of Mercy had a most interesting display of photographs and clippings at the Cuban exhibit of the Domestic Science and Pure Food Exposition held in Boston last October. Mrs. Ryder's work the Society has been glad to aid in various ways.

Much Done in Turkey in Spite of Wars

Humane work in Turkey has been greatly handicapped for the past two years,—first because of the Balkan wars and then because of the present war in Europe. Mrs. Alice W. Manning, the leading spirit in the work, has left Constantinople for a time, but during her absence as much is being done as possible by those now in charge. During the year there were circulated more than 8000 books and leaflets, printed in English, Turkish, Armenian, Armeno-Turkish, Greek, Bulgarian, French, Arabic and Judeo-Spanish. Robert College recently introduced humane education as a part of its regular course. Ten colleges competed for the Angell oratory medal, and six other schools entered similar contests for other prizes. Stereopticon lectures were given, five languages being required to deliver eleven lectures, and Bands of Mercy were organized at the close of each lecture. The Humane Education Committee sent a package of Band of Mercy literature and a year's subscription to *Our Dumb Animals* to each graduate of the English and American schools, who intended to become a teacher. An increasing number of Armenian and Greek schools have taken up humane education. Before Turkey was drawn into the present war, the city of Constantinople had under consideration several new municipal laws drafted by the Society for the Protection of Animals.

"Be Kind to Animals" Buttons and Signs

The humane stamp issued by the Society last winter was but another feature in our "Be Kind to Animals" campaign, which was carried on this year with even greater success than last.

Over 200,000 buttons, and hundreds of pennants, signs for horse blankets, and metal signs for wagons, bearing these words, have gone all over the Union and into many foreign countries. Among the orders received for the special buttons one came from a boys' school in England, and another from a boys' school in Africa. We know of an innkeeper in France who gives them as a badge of honor to drivers who show special kindness to their horses, and the pins are greatly coveted by the men. This use of the button in France has been due to the distribution of it by our French representative, Mr. Edw. Fox Sainsbury.

Last spring the Boston Ice Company ordered nearly 1000 of the metal signs for wagons, to be placed on all their teams. Several of Boston's coal companies also carry these signs on their wagons.

Our Society was instrumental in bringing before the last Convention of the American Humane Association the great good to be derived from a national "Be Kind to Animals" week, in connection with the Humane Sunday advocated by the Association. A resolution was passed in favor of the celebration of such a week, and the date set for May 17 to May 23. A committee representing the various States was appointed to take the matter in charge.

New Humane Stamp Widely Circulated

The most important addition to our many publications this year is the horse story, "Don—His Recollections," a book of 274 pages, which has been most favorably received by the public. Another new feature was the issuing of a humane stamp bearing the words "Be Kind to Animals," suited for use by humane societies everywhere. A special Christmas edition was printed, and many thousands circulated. We are constantly receiving orders from individuals as well as humane societies, one order having come from Japan. One society, on receipt of sample, immediately telegraphed for 10,000 of the stamps.

"Our Dumb Animals"

The demand for *Our Dumb Animals* increases steadily, and we are constantly receiving letters telling of the many uses to which it is put by individuals and humane societies. The Dumb Friends' League of Nassau, Bahamas, ordered copies to be given as prizes in the schools of New Providence. The S.P.C.A. of Manila sends subscriptions to many of the public offices, libraries and institutions of learning on the island. One president of a woman's auxiliary has the pictures made into lantern slides, and uses the stories and anecdotes from the magazine when showing the pictures on the screen.

Last spring *Our Dumb Animals* held a prize contest for the best verses on the picture "Why Not?" representing an old worn-out horse in the sky, with an angel descending from heaven. This awakened much interest and met with a wide response.

"The Horse's Prayer" continues to be our most popular leaflet, one very large edition having been exhausted during the year. We receive constant calls from all parts of the world for this leaflet in its various editions—three in English, and one each in Spanish, Italian and Yiddish.

The Society has distributed many thousands of copies of *Our Dumb Animals* during the year, as well as an immense amount of pamphlet literature. Over 7000 leaflets and 500 copies of the magazine were sent to the San Diego Exposition. Free literature has also been donated in response to calls for its circulation at State fairs, teachers' institutes and conventions all over the country.

Literature for School-Teachers

Another phase of our work which has met with most cordial response has been the writing to superintendents of schools to ask them to interest their teachers in humane education. This year correspondence has been had with all the superintendents of the public schools of Missouri and Oklahoma, and through them literature sent to hundreds of teachers in these States, while one State superintendent issued a special circular calling the attention of teachers to "Black Beauty" and other publications of our Society. In addition, by arrangement with the principals, packages of literature, containing "Black Beauty" and a score of helpful leaflets, were sent to the graduates of Normal Schools in New York, New Jersey, South Dakota, Idaho, Virginia, South Carolina, Georgia, Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi and Texas.

Three hundred bound volumes of *Our Dumb Animals* were presented to hotels, chiefly throughout New England, although some went to the Pacific Coast, and as far south as Jacksonville, Florida.

Our traveling humane libraries are still in circulation in many States. In several instances the books have proved so popular with their readers that they were purchased by the borrowers.

4500 New Bands of Mercy

The number of Bands of Mercy reported to headquarters during the past year exceeds that of the year previous, over 4500 having been formed. These represent thirty-nine States, Canada, Hawaii, and Turkey. Here in Massachusetts our two State organizers, Miss Ella A. Maryott and Miss Louise H. Guyol, have met with deserved success. Miss Maryott has spent much time in the Boston schools, and thousands of children in the city have listened to her and have pledged themselves to kindness to animals. She also reached 25,000 children in the schools of Worcester. Miss Guyol visited Concord, New Hampshire, where she organized the schools into Bands, with the result that more than 1400 children are wearing the "Be Kind to Animals" button in that city. Our records now show the total enrolment of Bands of Mercy to be more than 95,000, nearly 4,000,000 children so enrolled since the movement started.

Humane Day, in Massachusetts, was celebrated on April 21. Fourteen thousand copies of a program for humane exercises, prepared by the American Humane Education Society, were distributed among the teachers of the State. In Worcester special parades were held on that day.

What Some of the Bands Are Doing

We receive such stirring reports from Bands all over the country that it is hard not to speak of many of them, but we can mention only a few representative ones. One Band here in Massachusetts has resulted in four divisions (the latest division being in Lewiston, Maine), with over 1600 members. In Pennsylvania, a Band paid for "Be Kind to Animals" enamel signs and had them placed on delivery teams, public cabs, and a rural delivery mail team. Another Pennsylvania Band which promises to become a great factor for good in its vicinity is the Annie L. Lowry Band of Philadelphia. Organized a short time ago, it has now over 600 members with 2000 as its goal. Because of the influence of a Band, the boys in a Delaware school gave up trapping. Several Bands in Baltimore, instituted and carried on by one person, have taken up hospital training and emergency work in addition to the care and protection of animals. The Louisiana State S. P. C. A. gives medals annually for essays on kindness to animals, in the public schools of New Orleans.

where Bands of Mercy exist. Among the many interested friends of our cause is a traveling salesman in the South, who spends his spare time forming Bands. Though a very busy man, he has been instrumental in enrolling hundreds of children. Cities in which a systematic organization of Bands has been effected in the schools are Youngstown, Ohio; Sedalia, Missouri; and Saginaw, Michigan.

Lights and Shadows of Work Abroad

Among the reports from abroad comes word that in Tunis and Algeria Bands have been formed, which are accomplishing wonders in bringing together races and religions which are not only different, but which are at variance with each other. The appalling European conflict has affected our propaganda in one direction — by interrupting the fine work of our representative in Switzerland, M. Jerome Perinet, who had succeeded in introducing Bands of Mercy in several Continental countries.

Financial Statement

The receipts of the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, it will be seen from the statement of the Treasurer, were for the year \$125,777.04. Among the legacies included in this amount there was \$29,117.50, which was specifically designated as for the permanent fund, only the interest to be used for current expenses. This left a balance of \$96,659.54. From this \$9223.07 from donors was paid on the new building account and \$81,445.94 for the expenses of the year, leaving a balance of \$5990.53, of which \$5734.76 was drawn from the balance of last year. The receipts, therefore, exceeded the expenditures only by the small margin of \$257.79.

On the other hand we are very happy to say that in spite of the trying financial times, and the difficulty in collecting money caused thereby, our gifts from members and donors were in excess of those the preceding year. This has been among the most gratifying features we have to report.

No complete statement of the building fund can be made at present as several accounts are still unsettled, and not all the equipment is as yet installed. We are still striving toward the goal of the \$150,000 needed to return to our unrestricted funds the money advanced for the completion of the building.

The American Humane Education Society's receipts from bequests were \$31,873, of which \$25,000 was restricted by the donor, the interest only to be used; leaving from bequests for present use, \$6873. Other receipts from donations, sales and interest amounted to \$17,181.02, and there was drawn from the principal, \$5000. The expenses for the year were \$27,296.70.

FRANCIS H. ROWLEY, *President*.

REPORT OF CHIEF PROSECUTING OFFICER

Number of complaints received ..	16,290
Number of animals examined	59,342
Number of peddlers' horses examined	5068
Number of prosecutions	343
Number of convictions	321
Number of horses taken from work	1546
Number of worn-out or injured horses humanely destroyed	1788
Cattle, sheep and swine examined at the stock-yards	439,242
Sick or injured cattle, sheep and swine killed at stock-yards	494

SPECIMEN CASES

No. 1. For permitting a cat to be mutilated and killed by a dog, a young man was convicted and fined \$15. The evidence disclosed the fact that he shut the cat in a box and then called a bulldog to the place when he opened the box and the dog seized the cat, breaking her back.

No. 2. For working a broken-down worn-out horse, an expressman was fined \$50.

No. 3. For non-sheltering calves, a Barnstable County farmer was fined \$10. Two calves froze to death.

No. 4. For cruelly transporting fowl, many of which were found dead, a dealer was fined \$15.

No. 5. For starving his cattle, a farmer in Essex County was convicted and fined \$100. He appealed, but subsequently withdrew his appeal and paid fine.

No. 6. For beating his horse with limb of a tree, which he took time to cut, a furniture mover was convicted and paid fine of \$30. This occurred in Wilmington. The horse was shortly after destroyed.

No. 7. For abandoning a cat to starve, a man in Bristol County was convicted and fined \$8. He afterward provided a home for her.

No. 8. For persisting in working a worn-out horse, after having been requested by a Society agent to take him from service, a teamster was convicted and fined \$75. His driver was fined \$25.

No. 9. For dragging a horse by a chain around its neck, a man paid fine of \$15. The chain was attached to a wagon in front.

No. 10. Four men living on Cape Cod were found beating a helpless dog, apparently for no reason whatever, and paid a fine of \$60.

No. 11. A well-known stable keeper in Boston persisted in letting an unfit horse to be used for delivering merchandise after repeated warnings from our agents. He was summoned to Court and after a long-drawn-out contest he was convicted and paid a fine of \$30. The horse was destroyed by our agent the following day.

No. 12. For cruelly beating and overdriving a horse, a man in Norfolk County was arrested, his horse being well-nigh exhausted. He paid fines on two counts amounting to \$30.

No. 13. For permitting the use of horses suffering from sore backs, galled shoulders and general debility, divers owners of teams and carriages were fined in sums varying from \$20 to \$50.

The directions to all our prosecuting agents are that it is always better when possible to convert men from cruelty than to convict them in the courts, and that the test of a Society's usefulness is not the number of its prosecutions, but the number of acts of cruelty it is able to prevent.

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Humane Sunday and "Be Kind to Animals Week"

The object of this observance is to secure one Sunday in the year to be set apart for special services calling attention to the need for protection for suffering and helpless children, and also unfortunate animals; the same is to be supplemented by a week of special observances designed to advance the cause of animal protection and universal kindness. The American Humane Association has approved of the plan that the BE KIND TO ANIMALS WEEK shall precede HUMANE SUNDAY, which would thus become the climax of this humane celebration each year.

In order that HUMANE SUNDAY shall be generally observed it is necessary to secure the cooperation of clergymen of all denominations. It should be borne in mind that while the date for the general observance of HUMANE SUNDAY has been selected for May 23, 1915, and that this Sunday shall be preceded by a week devoted to kindness to animals, these dates are not inflexibly fixed, but may be changed to suit local conditions in different sections of the country, or the convenience of different religious denominations which cannot readily observe May 23.

In order to secure the cordial cooperation of clergymen throughout the country it is desirable that the members of State committees, and those that are associated with them in this work, shall distribute literature to the individual clergy within their jurisdiction. The American Humane Association, Albany, N. Y., will furnish a four-page leaflet explaining the subject to clergymen, on condition that each leaflet shall be delivered with either a personal letter or during a personal interview with the clergymen. It will also agree to send to all clergymen, who may personally write and request the same, leaflets containing suggestions in regard to HUMANE SUNDAY observance, with extracts from sermons which have been given in behalf of kindness to our defenseless and helpless clients.

It is suggested that observance of "BE KIND TO ANIMALS WEEK," May 17 to 22, 1915, shall include special services in schools of every description, public addresses, and the preparation of essays and newspaper articles by school children, and others, devoted to the subject of kindness to animals and the recital of incidents showing their intelligence and loyal service. It would also be well to have exhibitions devoted to horses, dogs and cats, or other domestic animals; also work horse parades and similar functions. It is needless to say that the subject of our duty to wild animals and their proper protection should also be given special attention. In one State, at least, it is proposed to have automobiles go through the State for the purpose of distributing humane literature and encouraging the formation of new local anti-cruelty societies, as well as to stimulate the activity of those already in existence.

The national chairman of this movement is Mrs. Mary F. Lovell, 215 Summit Avenue, Jenkintown, Pa.; and the national secretary, Guy Richardson, Fenway Station, Boston, Mass.

In Massachusetts, as in former years, Humane Day will be observed in the public schools on the third Tuesday of April, but a committee has been appointed to agitate the general observance of "Be Kind to Animals Week" from Monday, May 17, to Saturday, May 22, and especially to call the attention of ministers everywhere to Humane Sunday, May 23. In addition to the literature offered by the American Humane Association, a set of leaflets will be sent free, upon request, by the American Humane Education Society, Boston, which has also published a

special two-page leaflet of suggestions for "Be Kind to Animals Week."

The Massachusetts State Committee has been organized as follows:

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Mrs. Huntington Smith, president Animal Rescue League, 51 Carver Street, Boston;

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Directions for Making

We are glad to insert the following at the request of one of our members:

Make of white or natural colored double Berlin wool (dyed wool must on no account be used).

Commence with 25 chain (not too tight). Work around in nine rows of treble crochet until the pad measures 13½ by 8 inches. Increase slightly at ends so that the pad lies perfectly flat. Make two of such pieces and stitch them together with a third smaller crocheted piece (say, 11½ by 4½ inches) between. The object of the smaller piece is to make the pad thicker in the middle. Stitch all three securely together down the center of the pad. The edges should not present a hard ridge, but should be kept as thin and soft as possible.

Directions for Knitting Withers Pads

These must be made of the white or natural colored wool. Set up 15 stitches on needle. Add one stitch each row until there are 30 stitches on needle; then make 37 rows before beginning to narrow. Narrow by dropping one stitch each row until back to 15 stitches on needle. Repeat this for other side of pad.

Inside Lining of Pads

To make center thicker two linings should be used. Make same as above with the exception that you increase to 26 stitches instead of 30, and only make 35 rows instead of 37 before beginning to narrow. Tack the two inner linings here and there to the outside part so that they will not slip; then crochet or knit all around the outer edge of the two outside pieces, making the pad complete.

Withers pads consist of four thicknesses of either crocheted or knit pads.

Pads when completed can be sent to Mrs. S. M. Farrell, 117 East 21st Street, New York, who has means of forwarding them to the seat of war.

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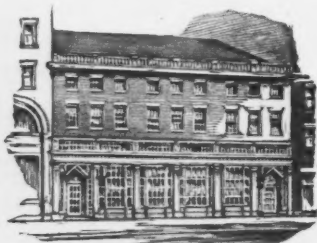
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